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Tories to sell Royal

5p cut in letter post to be offered in manifesto

David Hencke

scheme to up the Royal Mail into 11 franchises each to be ten-dered to private firms — is being planned by ministers for inclusion in the Conserva-

tive party election manifesto. The plans to revive the controversial privatisation of the Post Office will be sent to Downing Street by a team of ministers under lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, and could cut five pence from the cost of posting

The proposals will also include selling off Parcelforce, the Post Office's carrier, to a private company and an ac-celeration of the leasing of the remaining Crown Post Offices to private owners. Post Office Counters Ltd, which has over all responsibility for sub and

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13,000 staff, 19,000 outlets Pre-tax profits

94/95 -- £30m ParcelForce 12,000 staff

95/96 £30m

main post offices, will remain in the public sector. The privatisation of the Post Office, which makes a profit of £420 million a year, is likely to raise more than £1

billion, A new regulator, the director of Ofpost, will be created to supervise the privatised Royal Mail, joining colleagues responsible for rail, gas, water, electricity, telephones

and the National Lottery. The most dramatic impa for the public will be a plan to replace the present national 26p first class and 20p second class with a new maximum charge set by the regulator for national mail. Competing companies will offer lower rates inside their regional franchises and lower national

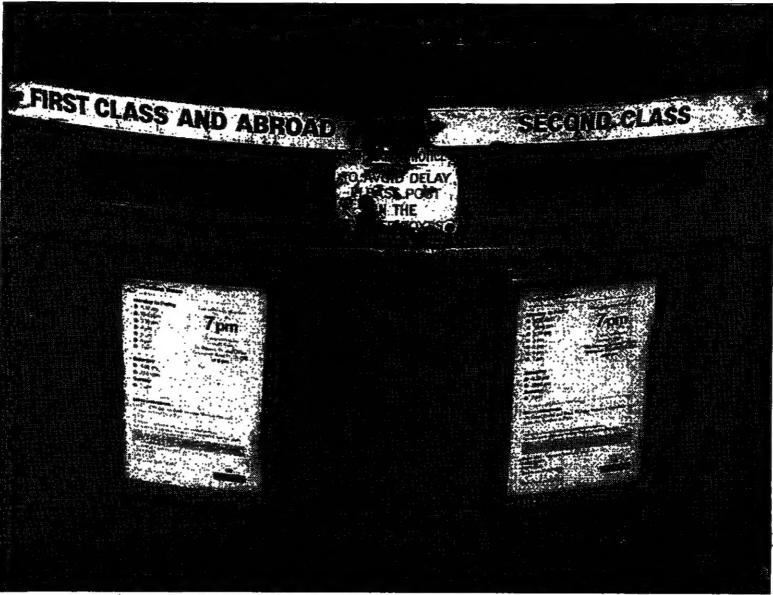
The plan is based on what The plan is based on what ministers regard as the successful privatisation of British Rail — with the aim of encouraging different private companies to bid for 15-year franchises to run Royal Mail

Contracts will also be let to provide the trunking arrangements between the 11 franchises to keep the national delivery service in place.

The 11 regions are Scotland. Northern Ireland, Wales, Lonion, North East, North Wes Midlands, Anglia, the South East, the South West and South Central (covering West Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Berkshire and Surrey):

. Ministers believe the break-up will introduce millions of pounds of productiv ity savings and cut postal charges. The biggest reduction could be in London where postal charges within more than 5p.

Ministers were emphasising yesterday that the full details of the scheme are still delivery system for the fore-



Part of a national system of post . . . under Tory plans, each region would be run separately by different private companies PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM TURNER

gest gains will come from changing working practices. The move comes at a sensi

tive time. Ministers are planning to suspend the £1 Post Office monopoly if the next series of strikes by staff, due the capital could drop by to begin tomorrow, takes place. But the privatisation plans suggest that ministers

would be restored immediately the strike finished.

Ministers appear to believe that the strikes will change the strike finished.

Treasury looks to next century the strike finished.

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that the strikes will change public attitudes to privatisa-tion among members of the public, who have constantly opposed the sale of the Royal

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, can be expected to back the move being discussed. But the big-seeable future, suggesting it since he was particularly

The separate sale of Parcelforce was dropped by the Gov-ernment last year because it could not attract buyers for its loss-making services.

Postmen's dead letter day,

cousider "doomsday" op-tions for improving Brit-ain's economy into the next century, including the vir-tual privations. tual privatisation of pensions, unemployment bene fit and other aspects of the welfare state, according to

HE Chancellor, Kenneth | a leaked Treasury options Clarke, is being urged to paper, writes Michael White.
However, Treasury officials said the internal document had not yet been seen or authorised by ministers and had merely been read -not endorsed - by the department's

Service

The BBC's take-over of its World Service offshoot is an act of cultural vandalism which should be rescinded forthwith. By what impulse of self-destruction do otherwise sensible people suddenly turn on an icon of proven success in response to this year's flavoursome management theory? Guardian leader page 8

Removing the English-language service from Bush House literally tears out its editorial and broadcasting core. Denis Healey page 9

With the World Service, you are dealing with intangibles like soul - things that put down into your accounts. John Peel page 9

I wept the first time I heard the signature tune and the words 'This is the World Service'. it gave me and my fellow hostages a real reason for keeping going. John McCarthy page 5

The shock of Yeltsin in the flesh Rothschild's 'lost

Laurence McQuillan is an American journalist who witnessed the meeting between US vice president Al Gore and the Russian leader yesterday. His shock at Mr Yeltsin's appearance confirms the new doubts about his health

dent Yeltsin's appearance is striking: the man I saw in April was full of vigour; the man I saw yesterday had a hard time walking. As one of two American journalists who accompanied Al Gore, the vice president, on his trip to Russia, I was allowed inside the cream coloured government sanatorium where Kremlin officials announced on Monday that Mr Yeltsin had decided to take a "holiday" for two

After eventually being permitted by security forces to join a small group of Russian journalists, I was taken to the third floor of what a Russian official said was "like your health spa". The facility, where many

staff wore white uniforms, had the combined feel of an office complex and a hospital. After waiting several minutes we were ushered into the office where photographs

HE difference in President Yeltsin's appearance is striking: the I saw in April was full of Mith his white hair combed immaculately, the 65-year-old Russian leader stared straight ahead, not acknowledging our

After several minutes of doing nothing, he suddenly seemed to realise that Mr Gore's arrival was not imminent-Slowly, he turned and started shuffling gingerly across the room, going about 10 feet, turning and retracing his steps, his eyes fixed on the floor. He was clearly concen-trating intently on walking.

The scene was shocking for ne who had seen him at the Kremin in April during a visit by President Clinton. Then, he was full of vigour, confidently joking and show-ing no sign of physical

Now, his face was pale and he clearly had lost a considerable amount of weight.

Mr Gore finally arrived



A smiling Yelisin greets Gore in the Barvikha sanaturium

ing Mr Yeltsin walk too much towards him. The two men, with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, walked to nearby armchairs. Mr Yeltsin essed

himself down on to the seat gingerly and then propped himself up to look better as the cameras recorded the moment. The most animated he became during the meeting was when Mr Gore congratulated him on his win in the presidential election earlier this

Mr Gore joked: "I particu-larly admired your dancing techniques, which I saw on and rushed across the room to

some his hand, to avoid hav- I things you learn when you run for office," President Yeltain said, laughing. Afterward, Mr Gore brushed aside questions about Mr Yeltsin's health.

"He looks very good to me," he said. "He seems to be in good health. He was relaxed. smiling, Mr Yeltstn had a heart attack last October on his return to Russia after a visit

to the United States. It was the second attack he had suffered in the past year. He pushed himself relentlessly in his successful re-election campaign, but now it appears that questions about his health are likely to con-"These are the kinds of tinue. - Reuter.

family's fortune'

Dan Atkinson, Chris Berrie, and Martyn Halsall

HE Rothschild banking dynasty faces legal action over allegations of "serious mismanagement" of a multi-million pound family fortune. The claim relates to Rothschild's worldwide asset management business, which has been performing badly in

recent years.
A wealthy Midlands family is alleging professional inon the part of Rothschild's Swiss operation. It claims that a £3.5 million trust set up in January 1990

The Smyth family, of Learn ington Hastings, Warwick-shire, set up the trust as a routine tax-avoidance exer-cise connected with the sale ness at the end of the 1980s. Responsibility for the trust's management rested with three trustees, two employees of Rothschild's in Zurich, and a Rothschild company.

Most of the money had been lost after what the Smyths claim was a "string of dubious investments which proved irrecoverable". These included a Spanish land development. It is not thought such speculamally be considered to comply with the requirements of the

Trustee Act.

Duncan Smyth claims he faced the loss of his home and his £500,000 yacht. The family was facing mortgage payments of £10,000 a month. But after protracted wrangling and two days before he was due to be evicted, Rothschild's agreed to pay £2 million in February 1995.

Of this, some £1 million was used to pay debts and mortgage arrears, and £1 million was reinvested in the trust. But since then, the family claims, incompetent mana ment and excessive fees have meant that, far from growing, the fund has lost over £100,000 in value, with only small sums paid as income.

When the original sum was invested, the trustees were being advised by London accountant Peter Goldsmith, who is authorised by the profession's governing body to advise on corporate finance, stocks and shares, life assurance and pensions. Mr Goldsmith, who is being sued by Rothschild's and is in turn suing other parties involved in the Smyth trust, said yesterday: "The thing was run by the trustees of the trust". He

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Tibet's exiled leader, the Dalai Lama is in Britain this week. Please support his efforts to gain justice and support for his people

In 1950 the Chinese illegally invaded Tibet. 46 years later China still occupi Tiber, in defiance of international law, UN resolutions and the wishes of the Tiberan

torical links with Tibet, Britain does not recognise Tibet as an independent country. Only public support will persuade our Government to act before all hope

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BATTALION of the Parachute Regiment

sent to Northern Ireland in the face of the prov-

ince's worst security crisis in

years will return to Aldershot

The withdrawal of more

than 500 men eight days after

1,000 extra troops were flown

to Northern Ireland signals

that security chiefs believe

the violence triggered by events at the Drumcree Orange parade in Co Armagh is drawing to a close. For a second night running there was little rioting. How-

there was little floring. However, intimidation of Protestants and the burning of property are continuing sporadically. A Presbyterian church in north Belfast suffered its third arson attack in

a week, and in the predomi-nantly Catholic town of Dun-given, Co Londonderry, a

number of Protestant families have been intimidated.

The withdrawal of the 1st Battalion of the Parachute

Regiment means that troop

levels have returned to their pre-1994 ceasefire level of

pull

David Sharrock ireland Correspo

today.

Sketch

Question time as safe as houses



R HARRY BARNES (Lab, Derbys NE) raised a point of order. He had, by accident, received a letter intended for Mr Simon Coombs, who sits in the Conservative interest for Swindon.

The letter suggested that Mr Coombs might care to attend a discussion with Trade and Industry ministers today, just before question time on those topics. "Your contribution is much appreciated. It is an opportunity to make sure that the resulting exchanges will be beneficial to all." Heavens! MPs were borri-

fied. Aghast! Stupefied! There was reeling and writhing and fainting in coils. The Commons matron was urgently summoned with sal volatile and proprietary diuretics. The notion that back-bench

ers might collude to turn Question Time into little more than a cheer-leading session for the Government was so outrageous that several of them had to be carried off on stretchers, stiff as boards, like Italian strikers from the pen-

Lexaggerate, In fact, Lexaggerate quite a lot. To be truth-ful, nobody seemed surprised. Not after Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. Mr Major was in some difficulty. We learned the remarkable fact that the public debt, which grew steadily for 300 years since 1692, has actually doubled in the last five years.

all on Mr Major's watch. No wonder squads of loyal backbench Conservatives rose to condemn the Labour Party.
"New Labour is new danger," announced Jacqui Lait, con-structively. "Labour means new, real danger," said David Amess (Basildon), benefi-

It is, of course, inconceivable that either MP had had their questions suggested at a constructive and beneficial meeting beforehand. Or that they are desperately hoping

for preferment in the last reshuffle before the election The debate on the sale of service accommodation followed. Mr David Clark, who you have never heard of, but is he shadow defence secretary, led for Labour. He was workmanlike, and few Tories, most of whom have doubts, troubled to interrupt him. Mr Bill Walker (C, Tayside

N) spotted a golden greasing opportunity. He rose to imply that the objections were mere pusillanimous cavils, since there would be no problem about obtaining adequate accommodation for the forces whenever it was needed. 'In times of hostility, the Govern-ment can do almost any-

The Labour benches collapsed, as Mr John Reid shouted: "So if we have a war, the houses will be safe!"

Senor Portillo rose to de-fend himself. It is not cheap to remind people of his Spanish roots: Portillo is a Jesuit in the true sense, able to provide rational arguments to support irrational faith. In this case, his faith means privatising army houses in spite of Tory objections. Was Father Xavier upset by this? No: "I'm not surprised that it

was Conservatives who raised the questions. It's the Conservative Party that cares about defence, and knows the issues that are of interest to service families."

The mind reeled gently, like a weary drunk tottering from one wall to the other. If Tory doubts about the sale prove that it was Tories who really care about Our Boys, didn't that mean that the sale is mis-taken? Or, if it is such a good idea, why does the caring party object so loudly? However, reassured by Car-

dinal Ximenes, the novices on the back benches returned to their devotions. Later Mr Portillo offered

three minor concessions. The rebel Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield) was first out of the trenches to change his I'm glad I've never been in a

fox hole with him. "Achtung, mein Britischer freund, it iz time for zee surrender. Be assured, Tommy, with us safe as houses you will be! Service

"Righty ho, Jerry, here we come!" Burst of machine-gun fire; freeze frame; fade.



Rothschild's faces 'lost millions' action

continued from page 1 had never been a trustee and was not responsible for vetting any investment ideas put to the trust either by its bene-ficiaries or by anybody else. The family is poised to take legal action to force Rothschild's to resign as trustees. The family also wants further

Yesterday, Mr Smyth, speaking from his large 1920s house set in three acres of landscaped gardens, said he had been appalled by the "ar-

compensation.

the losses. The trust's value, he said, was "going down like an express elevator" Mr Smyth claims Roth-

schild's management fees have eaten up £35,000, and only £44,000 has been paid out

The affair had taken a heavy toll on his family's health and happiness. The wrangling had driven him "to the point of suicide", inducing a stress-related heart con-

It had hastened the end of | tion with the Swiss fund manhis marriage, and his younger son David, now 17. had been "traumatised" by the threatened eviction.

"A lot of people would have cracked and gone under," Mr Smyth said. "It has become a living nightmare."

Although he and his family now lived comfortably, they were "totally under the control of Rothschild's' The Rothschild City opera-tion made clear yesterday it has no direct connec

Nor does the case directly involve the Rothschild Asset

Management subsidiary of which Amschel Rothschild, who took his own life last week in Paris, was chief exec utive; however, part of his responsibility was the unifi-cation of all fund management operations around the

were never this high, how-

ever: the costs may ap-

Despite protests from the

plaintiffs' counsel, Charles

to shed doubt on Bothem's

1984 and raking up his de-nial that he had smoked

pot. "That was a lie, wasn't it?" asked Carman. "When you're confronted by a pack of journalists you tend to freeze, don't you?" replied Botham. "That was a lie."

Mr Carman also accused Botham of making what he called "a disgracefully of-fensive" remark in a 1984

radio interview, after he came home from Pakistan, by saying it was the sort of

country he would like to

send his mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid.

accurate: he only wanted to send her there for two

weeks. "It meant no more than any other mother-in-

law joke."
"But you were being pretty offensive to Pakistan and its citizens?" asked Mr

Carman. "In that case I'd say I have been more offen-

sive about Australia than I have about Pakistan." He backed this up shortly

afterwards. Asked why he did not sue the former Aus-

tralian captain Ian Chap-pell for calling him a babit-ual liar, Botham said: "He's

from Australia, I didn't

Botham said that was in-

proach £1 million

ager, Rothschild Trust (Schweiz) AG, and that the British mainstay NM Rothschild is not being sued.

A spokesman for NM Roth-schild declined to comment on the bank's Swiss

A complaint from the Smyths to the Bank of England was passed on in Janu-ary to its opposite number in Berne, the Swiss Federal the political process. Banking Commission.

The Rothschild empire is a loose, worldwide grouping

with 2,000 employees. It has offices in 20 countries and manages funds totalling \$30 billion (about £19 billion).

thorough going-over with his glove". Botham said this was to dry the ball, which would have grown moist while being stored in Gray QC, Mr Carman tried a plastic bag in the umpire's pocket. He could not do it himself because his

> Another clip showed Botham apparently using his thumbnail to either scratch or pick illegally at the ball's seam. He denied that he had ever cheated and said this was merely one of many incidents that occurred regularly in the late 1970s and early 1980s when inferior leather meant that balls kept going out of shape, and the bowlers had to ask the um-

pires to change them. The case continues, at phenomenal expense.

about 18,000, which is still higher than last year. Lieu-tenant General Sir Rupert Smith, the army chief in Northern Ireland, said he had sufficient forces to support But there was little sign vesterday that the political

situation was easing. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and the Irish foreign minister, Dick Spring, had a tense meeting in Belfast, while Unionist and nationalist politicians argued about last week's events.

The Alliance Party leader, John Alderdice, said it was

Earlier, Mr Spring accused the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, of being "totally inconsistent" after it was revealed that he had met a leading loyalist and former Ulster Volunteer Force prisoner during last week's standoff at Drumcree.

Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the RUC, will face a motion of no-confidence when the Police Authority for Northern Ireland meets on Friday. Sean Neeson, an Alliance Party whip and an authority member, said Sir Hugh must go after his handling of the crisis.

After discussions with all the main players, Senator George Mitchell said tonight he was convinced progress was possible. In a statement issued jointly with his co-chairmen, Canadian General John de Chastelain and former Finnish prime minister Harri Holkeri, he stated their strong and unequivocal condemnation of the use or the threat of violence to achieve political objectives".

They expressed their regret over the circumstances of the

First night

Swooping script of painful free fall

Lyn Gardner

Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

HERE is an extraordinary scene in Naomi Wal lace's adaptation of William Wharton's novel. Sergeant Al sucks up some porridge, cups his lips over the open, greedy chick-like mouth of his boyhood friend Birdy and feeds him like a mother bird. It is a moment of almost obscene intimacy, so naked and tender that you want to avert your prying eyes. It is like watching someone make love or give birth.

I imagine this was entirely what Wallace intended. It is to Wharton's novel about pigeon fanciers Al and Birdy, boyhood friends who grow up. grow apart, join the army to fight the second world war and are reunited in an army prison hospital. Al with a disfigured face and Birdy with a

scarred mind. Wallace has already written with grace and fierce tender-ness about male bonding. homo-eroticism and the dehu-manising rite of passage from boyhood to manhood through war. Here these themes are intensified and magnified in a piece that is not about fear of flying, but about the piercing pain of free fall. Here too, as in Wallace's other plays, past

and occasionally collide. Young Birdy gets his name when he slips out of the grasp of his friend Al and tumbles off the gasometer on to the concrete many feet below. His remarkable survival earns him his nickname but also a

taste for flight. "It was like being alive," he says. He spends the rest of his boyhood trying to recreate this exhila-rating feeling with the aid of a bicycle and a homemade pair

of wings. "Doris doesn't look like she could fly under any condi-tions," Birdy tells Al who is urging him to put saide his pigeons for girls. But although they appear to be drifting apart, Al and Birdy

are headed to the same place - nowhere. Like Icarus they are too cocky about their place in the sun — the world of adulthood. When they try to scale a frozen waterfall they come crashing down and laugh. In adulthood such falls hurt and scar. Like war, they

make men out of the boys. Wallace's script swoops and soars, playing with metaphor and imagery. It is simple and dense at the same time. Even so, there are times when it almost seems swamped by Kevin Knight's overwrought production and design that is often like a sledgehammer

being used to crack a nut.
The birdcage-topped revolving set which creates cells within cells, boyhood scenes largely played on the top level, and Sergeant Al's attempts to coax Birdy out of his birdlike trance below in a metal prison

are effective but too much. But he does garner some remarkable performances: Matthew Wait twitching and flapping like a grounded bird in his catatonic state; the repressed violence of Al beautifully suggested by Corey Johnson's clenched, drumming hands and a sheer golden promise and sensuality of Adam Garcia's young Aland Tam Williams's young Birdy.



Courts of Justice. It produced two sessions of pure ostalgia.
In the morning, the jury watched footage of two Test matches from 1982 that may or may not prove that

Ian Botham broke the Laws of Cricket by tampering with a ball, but incidentally gave 40-year-old Botham a Botham, one of the two greatest all-rounders of the 1980s, is suing the other, Imran Khan, for libel over strange half-hour watching an article in the Sun calling himself aged 27. Later, George Carman him a cheat. Botham and his former England teamcross-examining mate Allan Lamb are also Botham, forced him suing Imran, the former Pakistan captain and aspirthrough more than a de-cade of tabloid headlines ing politician, for an interrelating to sex, drugs and view in India Today which (occasionally) cricket - inquoted him as saying they cluding his admission that were racists, uneducated he smoked marijuana, his and lacked class.

original lies on the subject. The nature of the trial

were most restrained but the similarities are inescapable: the ritualised jousting. the veneer of courtesy. the seething undertones.

an hour of legal submissions, there was an electricof Botham and Imran fac-ing up to each other on the field with the ball new and the stakes high. The stakes | clearly mystified, called "a

take any notice.' Imran Khan, defending libel allegations, and his wife Jemiroa leaving the High Court PHOTOGRAPH, MARK ST GEORGE and later allegation that he [means that the temptation slept and took cocaine with to use cricketing meta-a Miss Barbados. to use cricketing meta-phors is overwhelming.

> And when Mr Carman finally began his cross-examination after more than ity in the air reminiscent

A huge throng had gathered in the wood-panelled room, including several celebrity court reporters (Roy Hattersley, Henry Blofeld, Frances Edmonds). Every-one had craned their necks to try to see the 14-year-old videos, from tests against India and Pakistan. The defence was expected to show the videos but was pre-empted by Mr Gray, who

Botham was seen throw-ing the new ball to the wicket-keeper Bob Taylor who then gave it what Ted Dexter, who was commentating at the time and

said he wanted to put the incidents in context. 'MacBirt' wins high-profile prize as head of Radio Four







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OVIEW

Labour hits out at Central Office 'fears and smears'

Political Editor

AJITTERY Labour Party last night launched a ferocious attack on the Conservatives' election strategy in the wake of new evidence that Central Office will be spending a record £10 million on an American-style negative cam-paign of "fears and smears." | plus a London authority — would cost £108 million a year.

After the Conservative chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, launched a poster bearing the slogan "Labour's Union Jack" over a white flag with the message "New Labour. No Britain" Labour strategists summoned a press conference to reject Dr Mawhinney's station of the year in 1992—
charge that Scots, Welsh and
English regional assemblies—
plus a London authority—
retirement in August.

Andrew Cuff

AMES Boyle, the head of Radio Scotland, was yesterday appointed controller of Radio Four, one of the highin jobs est-profile

Court 18 at the Royal

broadcasting. Mr Boyle - known as Mac-Birt for the way he trans-formed Radio Scotland and turned it into the national

Matthew Bannister, newly-

appointed director of radio, Michael Green and see my announced the appointment at the radio festival in Birmingham. He said: "James has a strong track record in public service broadcasting and has the breadth of intellectual and practical experi-

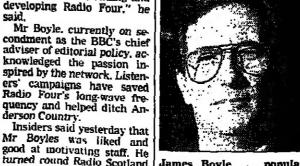
ence to lead Radio Four." Mr Boyle, aged 50, beat off competition from Daye Stanford, head of magazine programmes on Radio Four, and Phil Harding, chief political adviser, for the £90,000-a-year

adviser of editorial policy, acknowledged the passion inspired by the network. Listeners' campaigns have saved Radio Four's long-wave fre-quency and helped ditch An-

task as one of defending and

derson Country. Insiders said yesterday that Mr Boyles was liked and post.

"I am inheriting a strong turned round Radio Scotland and vibrant network from in 18 months.



James Boyle ... popular

Princess withdraws support from 100 good causes, but remains patron of six — largely metropolitan — groups

Charity begins at home as Diana cuts back

BOUT 100 charities were yesterday dealt a blow bigger than anything the compe-tition of the National Lottery has thrown at them when the Princess of Wales resigned as their

patron.

Princess Diana, whose support has boosted the charitles' fundratising by hundreds of thousands of pounds, said she could not give the commitment they deserved as she could be also as the country of the count sought to reorganise her life

after her divorce. Six charities are to keep the princess as their patron or president. They are likely to benefit enormously from the concentration of her charitsble work on a handful of

Brian Roberts-Wray, chairman of the institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, said: "The potential positive effect for the half-dozen that ahe is staying with is probably substantially greater than the potential negative effect for the 100 she is graving un."

for the 100 she is giving up." The princess's decision came in letters received by the 100 charities the day after Wales was conditionally ended by the granting of a decree nisi. The letters said: "As I seek

to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I believe you deserve. I feel that some-one else in the royal family may now be better suited to support your tremendous endeavours."

the London homelessness charity Centrepoint; English National Ballet; The Leprosy Mission; the National Aids Trust; and Great Ormond Street children's bospital and the Royal Marsden cancer hospital, both in London.
There was dismay among the rejected charities and, be low the surface, resentment at the good fortune of the six

One organisation in receipt of the dreaded letter was Ty Hafan, in Barry, South Gla-morgan, which is seeking to

wall-established, successful

and largely metropolitan

'As I seek to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I

believe you deserve'

hospice in South Wales. Last night it wrote to Princess Di-

ana, pleading with her to reconsider. Dominic Jenkins,



building the first children's I ron a year ago, but ever since I health problems, said the dramatically.

Vanessa Gould, spokeswoman for Turning Point,

Duke of York Duchess of York Prince Edward..

Prince of Wales

Royal works

charity had been surprised to "She has said before that we are one of her favourite

had been doing something for Turning Point every month, Ms Gould said. "She did a première of the Apollo 13 film last year, which raised over 250,000 for us."

Relate, the marriage and relationship guidance char-ity, is another loser. It said the princess had been "immensely supportive" since be-coming patron in 1969. The charity has estimated

that her presence at a film première boosted the money nised tenfold, to £100,000. The losses will not be merely financial. The prin-cess has been able to focus attention on issues not always easy to publicise: in 1989, she invited reporters and televi-

sion and another of the un-lucky 100, said yesterday: which affect children.

Mr Roberts-Wray said not all the 100 charities would they were active and it was inconceivable that the prineach organisation's behalf.
"Nobody is ever going to be able to make a real commit

ment for 100-plus charities be they royal or un-royal," he added.

Syrian gives Oxford a £20m college

New business school to attract world's 'best and brightest'

XFORD University yesterday-accepted its largest donation for more than half a business school — from a Syr-

mirer of Lady Thatcher and friend of the former minister Jonathan Altken, would be immortalised by Oxford alongside other generous benefactors, said Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the university's chancellor. ty's chancellor.

Lord Nuffield gave £3 million in the 1986s (worth an esti-mated £77 million at today's prices) to promote medical

The new Oxford Business School will attract the all over the world, said Mr Said, who will take a keen interest in the building planned for the centre of Oxford. It will be the latest in a list of construction projects that have made his name and fur-tune, notably in Saudi

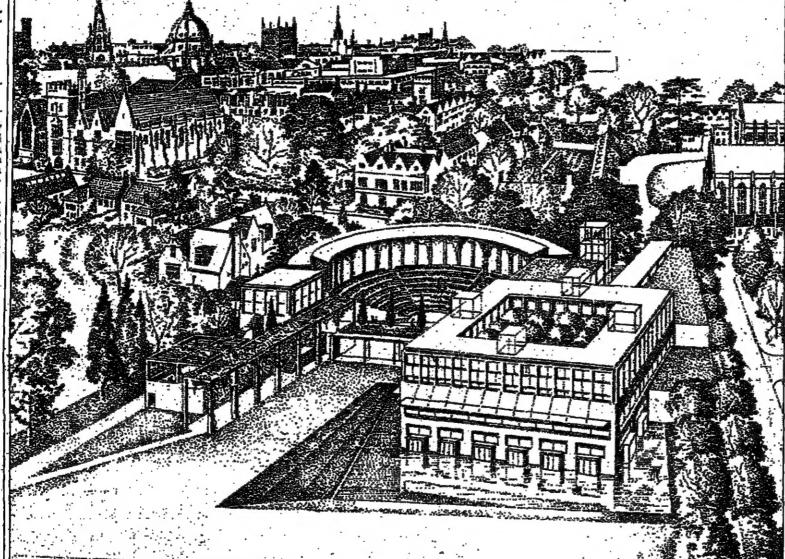
Arabia. Mr Said admitted that he had never been to business school himself but the Oxford project was the culmination of an ambition. His father had founded Syria's first universis family and a culture that be-lieves in education. I have spent many years in Britain and I admire this country. Management education plays a vital part in making a country competitive. This is

great opportunity for Oxford to spread its standards of ex-cellence to this new sphere." His gift will enable the university to catch up with Cambridge in having a business school to take on international competition like Chicago and Stanford.
The Oxford Business

School, scheduled to open in 1998 in the city's Mansfield Road, will eventually take 500 students, 150 of them on Masters of Business Administra-tion (MBA) courses. The first 40 places for next year at-tracted more than 200 high calibre applications, One in four of the students are from Britain, with the rest from Europe, North America and the Pacific Rim.

Lord Jenkins said Oxford which has just completed a £340 million appeal, was one of a handful of world class universities. "It would to my mind be crazy to let slip that national asset but as no Gov-ernment seems likely to pro-vide enough funds to renew and maintain that position, we have to do it ourselves." Cambridge University

launched its business school and MBA five years ago with 68 million from Sir Paul Judge, who headed a manage-ment buyout of Cadbury Schweppes foods operations He later left his job as direc



Profile

Shy friend of Britain who lobbied for huge contracts

WAFIC Said, a close business confident of the Saudi Royal family, is a media-shy financier and construction magnate whose influence has been pivotal in sweetening rela-tions between Britain and the Middle East.

if was his lobbying for the Al Yamamah arms con-tract, the largest defence of pounds for UK compa nies, such as British Aerospace, in the 1980s.

He was born into a privi-leged Damascus back-Rida Said, was an eye-sur-geon who later became Syria's minister for

The young Wallc went to school in Lebanon then school in Lebanon then completed his studies in London at the Institute of Ranking in a coffee allepin Bayswater, he had the good fortune to become friendly with two young princes, Bandar and Khalid, sons of



Walle Sald and Lord Jenkins at the announcement yesterday

r inister of defence for

Soudi Arabia. His career in banking began in Geneva, but he returned to London in 1967 taurants in Kensington reg ularly patronised by Arab

After a few years, he sold up and moved to the Middle East where earlier contacts and links with another Syrian-born finanicer, Akram Offen, increased his progress. He was awarded nu-

Prince Sultan, a future | tracts for housing compounds, airports, power stations and hospitals, dur-ing oil boom years. Among past business in-

teresis was a 30 per cent holding in the British mer-chant bank Aitken Hume, d by the Conservative MP Jonathan Aitken. In the late 1960s, Mr Sald married a Scot, Rosemary Buchanan. They had three children. One boy, Karim, was drowned in a swim-ming pool accident at the home of Prince Sultan. The

bond with the Saudi royal family. In his son's mem-ory, Mr Said set up the Karim Rida Said Founda-tion which belps relieve poverty and supports the disabled in the Middle Bast. Since 1981, the Said family has made Britain its

Arabia and in Europe. Mr Said, a governor o the Royal Shakespeare bies of a multi-millionaire. He collects art and antiques tragedy created a further and races horses.

in his memoirs Jim Prior describes a party at Ted Heath's flat with Moura Lympany invited to perform. As the evening wore on, Lympany told a guest she wanted to play soon as she had another engagement. "So." Prior writes, "I had a word with Ted." How did the charming, fun-

loving, music making host react? "Tell her she can't play," he growled. Francis Wheen, G2 page 5

Nato threatens to use force in Karadzic arrest

ate against Bosnian Serbs if they try to stop any attempt to arrest Radovan Karadzic, the United States special envoy, Richard Holbrooke, warned yesterday as he raced against the clock to keep the Dayton peace process on track.

He was speaking in Sara-jevo, en route for the Serbian capital Belgrade and a desperate attempt to persuade President Slobodan Milosevic to unseat Mr Karadzic, his former Bosnian protègé. He made clear that threats against United Nations police or the Nato-led force (I-For) in Bosnia were being taken

with swift military action," he said.

Mr Holbrooke has been summoned back from his job as a Wall Street investment ministration anxious to avoid a Balkan collapse, especially as the US presidential elec-

In the past few days, Serb authorities have threatened to hold UN police officers hostage if an attempt is made to accest Mr Karadzic or the Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Mladic, both indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. The Serb sabre-rattling is in-tended to counter growing international pressure to cap-ture Mr Karadzic to prevent

tions scheduled for September. Mr Holbrooke's mission has become highly urgent be-cause campaigning cannot begin until Mr Karadzic has been deposed as leader of the Serb Democratic Party (SDS). President Alija Isetbegovic of Bosnia yesterday warned that the Bosnian Muslims may boycott the elections if

are allowed to take part. Mr Karadzic has resis pressure to resign as SDS president. The Dayton peace accord bars suspects sought from public office.

Mr Milosevic is unlikely to surrender Mr Karadzic: he fears a backlash by nationalists and damaging testimony by Mr Karadzic about his own

role in the Bosnian war. Western diplomatic activity has also been galvanised by sire to avoid over a change to I-For's man-date or imposing economic

Bosnian Serbs. France is already seeking a UN Security Council decision expressly authorising Nato forces to hunt down Mr Karadsic and others. The security council is to discuss this tomorrow. At the moment, Nato has said it will only swoop if it encounters sus be fortifying a village in the north-east that should have been transferred to Serb control at the end of March, the UN said yesterday. A UN police patrol found Dugi Dio full of Muslim men of mili-

tary age converting the area

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Gun groups to set up fighting fund

HOOTING organisa £25 a head appeal to gun owners to finance a campaign to prevent a ban on handguns in the wake of the Dumblane massacre.
The announcement by the

British Shooting Sports Coun-cil in the shooting press coin-cides with the launch of a tives of the victims of the Dunblane and Hungerford massacres who yesterday made emotional appeals for handguns to be cleared from the streets of Britain.

Mick North, a university lecturer whose five-year-old daughter, Sophie, was killed by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane, said he wanted radical

"How could I ever have known that my own life would be shattered, and So-phie's taken away, by a lawfully held weapon by a man who practised at approved gun clubs, by a man deemed to have every reason to own a number of weapons?" Dr North told a Westminster press conference.

Safety appears too often to he a secondary concern. We have to change all that. For the sake of Sophie, her 15 friends | was killed by Michael Ryan, | tions operation.

and her teacher, for all our | said the Dunblane shootings sakes, please no more guns had been a horrific reminder and no more worship of guns." that despite politicians' promises only limited action had MPs from all parties, in cluding the shadow home sec been taken retary, Jack Straw, backed the launch of the Gun Control Network. Robert Hughes,

Lord Cullen's preliminary views from the Dunblane in-

quiry but he believed there

was now an opportunity for

You could see

with the new

legislation on

non-compliance

a massive scale'

very significant progress on the banning of handguns".

John Major confirmed yes

terday that the Government has left open a "legislative

slot" should the inquiry

ecommend new laws. But relatives of those wi

died in the 1987 Hungerford

massacre warned yesterday that action by the gun lobby

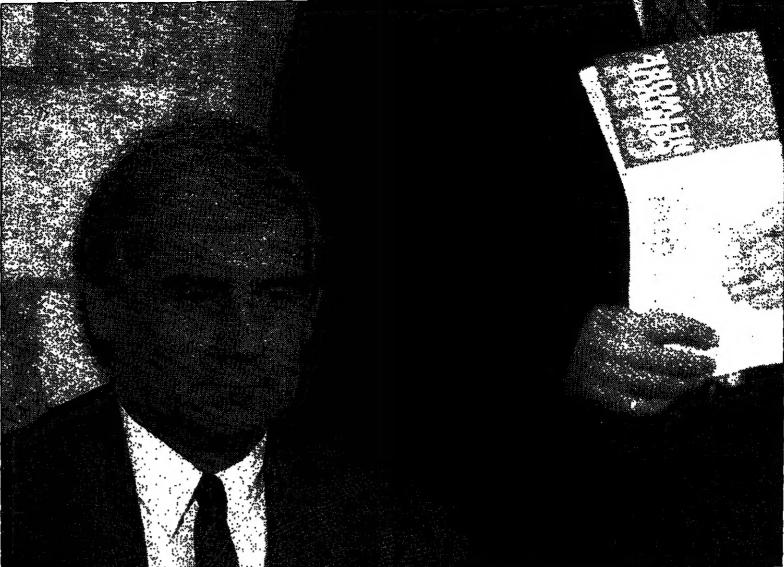
then had been minimal, Tony

The Gun Control Network aims to secure a ban on handguns for all except the police Tory MP for Harrow West, said he thought the Commons would wait for publication of and military; target shooting weapons to be restricted to single shot 0.22 calibre and kept at gun clubs; a minimum age of 18: a firearms control board: and the hanning of deactivated and replica

> The network's launch coincided with a call by 50 Labour MPs for the closure of the Palace of Westminster's shooting club as "a contribution to the elimination of gun culture". Michael Yardley, a firearms

expert, claimed the network was naive and that its propos-als were unworkable: reacting in a knee-jerk way, of making law more on emotion than cold reason. That could make the situation worse — you could see non-compliance with the new legislation on a massive scale."

The British Shooting Sports Council, which is heading the anti-control campaign, is an umbrella organisation for up to a million "shooting sportsmen". It is believed to be trying to raise £500,000 to pay for



Mick North, father of Dumblane victim Sophie, at the Gun Control Network launch: 'For all our sakes, please no more guns'

BBC staff anger at 'fat cat' director general's £35,000 pay rise

Andrew Culf

HE BBC's chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, yes-terday defended the corporation against accusations of executive pay greed after it was revealed that the director general, John Birt, received a 13 per cent salary increase. Mr Birt's salary rose by nearly £35,000 to £299,000 in

1995/96, prompting outrage from union officials. But Sir Christopher, speaking on Radio 4's Today programme, insisted "John Rirt has the biggest job in UK broadcasting and he cartainly doesn't have the biggest sal ary in UK broadcasting.

general on his earnings. He said Mr Birt's salary | bonus of £24,000. About 14 per | fat cats who earn their pay | ative form, strategically

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Media salaries

Michael Green, Carlton communications: £668,000 £650.000 Michael Grade, Channel Four: £618,000 Lord Hollick, United News

and Media: £559,000 Frank Barlow, Pearson: David Montgomery, Mirror Group: £473,000 Tim Holley, Camelot: £385,000 John Birt, BBC: £329,000

(total pay packages, includ-ing pension contributions) was in the middle of the range for senior industry executives. He had received the

standard 3 per cent pay ris

nuses on top of their annual

Mr Birt received pension contributions of £30,000 in addition to his salary, but pay increase."

Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, received a BBC staff faced, five more general election year, and laytotal salary package of 2518,000 last year. Mr Birt's salary is under-

stood to be in line with the £300,000 pay package of the ITV Network director, Marcus Plantin. Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, is paid a total package of £668,000, while David Montgomery, Mirror Group chief executive, gets £473,000. Gerry Morrissey, chief ne-gotiator of the broadcasting union Bectu, said the rise had "gone down like a lead bal-loon with BBC staff". He

plus a performance-related ting like one of these industry BBC as being in superb cre-

no jobs or see their pay cut. "Our members have just tightened their belts again and accepted a 2.6 per cent

years of efficiency savings as he praised them for the most dazzling programme achievements in the corporation's history. He said the BBC had ploughed back £100 million into programme-making.
According to the BBC's

audience, particularly under-35s and viewers in cable and annual report published yes terday, home services staff fell by 850, to 19,800 — but compared with five years ago there were 1,500 more produc-tion staff, 5,000 fewer in and 400 fewer in manage

the introduction of new channels and services. It would also produce substantial economies, although he was un-able to quantity them or the

Highlights

agement teams, set out vari-ons challenges for 1996/97. OHN Birt gave his per-They included maintaining BBC's programme high-lights for 1995/96 in the annual report: ing particular emphasis on meeting public expectations Television

Death of Yugoslavia was the factual programme of the year, while fairs department was told it The House provided an everyday story of obses in the workplace.

| Comedy: Men Behaving Badly showed situation satellite homes, where the

reach of its programmes is comedy can have real contemporary force. Daytime programming also needed to improve by har-nessing the strength of the ☐ Children's: Share was 10 points up, with the Queen's Nose and The Demon Head-BBC's consumer and leisure

master major hits. ☐ Events: Masterly coverage of VE Day and VJ Day. ment after a long period of difficulty with Ballykissan-gel and Hetty Wainthropp two substantial hits; Our Friends in the North was a powerful, uncliched chroni cle of our time; Pride and Prejudice was a gem of a



Sitcom success . . . Men Behaving Badly, starring Caroline Quentin and Martin Clunes, was singled out for praise

cey, attracting 50 per cent of 15 to 24-year-olds; brought well-deserved recognition to Matthew Bangood judgment and

classic to stir the nation.

Radio

Radio 1: Expunged the light classics and gospel.

programme of live music. drama, pioneering comedy and 50th anniversaries of Woman's Hour, From Opr Own Correspondent and Letter from America ☐ Radio 2: Wider range of ☐ Radio 5 Live: Demonstrated self-confidence and blossomed to reach 5 mil-

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Spirit-beer mix 'a great danger'

FTER lime wedges in bottles of foreign lager, exotically-packaged pre-mium beers, all-in-one gin'n-'tonics, alcopops — soft drinks laced with alcohol and more adult-oriented spirit mixers, it is now time for "spirit beers" to cash in on the trend.

The news and current af-

needed to embrace a wider

Mr Birt said his restructur-

ration for the digital age and

potential impact on jobs.

BBC Annual Report, £10; from BBC shops and by mail order on 0191 222 0381.

currently low.

They are aimed at 18 to 25-year-olds who already favour a quick vodka or bourbon be fore and after the bottled lager "main course", despite the fact that beer and chasers were once the badge of older,

As the brewers. Whitbread.

of policy at the British Medical Association, said: "The more you confuse things, the more difficult it is for people to work out how much is a unit, 'How much can I drink?'

Vivienne Nathanson, head

and others campaigning against alcohol misuse said

and even more important 'How much can I drink if I am going to drive?'.
"The whole message in al-

information so they can manage drinking, knowing ways

monitored trials of Arkangel to avoid hurt to themselves vodka beer and Kentucky and to others.

Black bourbon beer, doctors "It is making spiking of

"It is making spiking of drinks respectable. Lots of kids do it for a joke at parties that the growing trend for mixer drinking could cause problems. but there is a great danger. You don't know how much you are drinking and can lose control of yourself." The new brands, brewed as

with a spirit. These drinks agers with spirits blended before bottling, have taken two years to develop and have a strength of 5.3 per cent alco-hol by volume. The vodka mix is in a silver film-wrapped bottle, the bourbon in a gold-wrapped one, so it is difficult The whole message in alcohol control is to give people drunk. They cost between £2 and £2.50 a bottle. Sophie Spence, marketing glass and knocking it back.

manager for new product de-velopment at Whitbread, said: The spirit is there to add to well-known 'spirit burn', the back of the throat sensation. drink bottled lagers but people top and tail sessions

are not meant to be in any way irresponsible. Alcohol Concern said it was difficult to see how such drinks encouraged a responsible approach to alcohol. There is a danger of tipping into teenager experimenta tion when you go through your parents' drinks cabinet. pouring everything into one

Judge rejects Domesday villages' plea on Stansted homes

mes Melide mmunity Affairs Editor

DOMESDAY Book villages could triple in size by housing workers from Britain's fastest growing airport after they failed in a High Court battle yesterday to save

their "quintessentially English" way of life. The parish councils of Felsted, Takeley, Little Dun-mow and Birchanger in Essex
— mentioned in the 1086 surveys by William the Conquer-or's officals — said they were sidelined by plans to build about 2,000 homes to help cater for the expansion of Stan-

sted airport. But a judge refused their plea to quash the plans so that there could be a second public inquiry into the issue.

Andrew Warren, a parish councillor and chairman of the Felsted and Little Dunmow Conservation Association, which also fought the case, said: "The four parishes appear in the Domesday Book and this will effectively mean doom for each of them." A joint statement by the

four parishes said the villages

would be "damaged irrepara-bly by the kind of vandalism

ing concern all over the

The airport-related scheme was proposed six years ago when Uttlesford district council drew up a plan for the area taking into account the likely growth in Stansted. It wanted to put all its share

of the new housing on an old airfield at Little Easton,

closer to Stansted, but a 1993 public inquiry instead dispersed new homes on four sites as suggested in an ear-About 650 homes were planned between Little Dun-

mow and Felsted, 825 at Takeley and 400 at Birchanger. The siting of another 625 at Great Dunmow was not The parishes complained

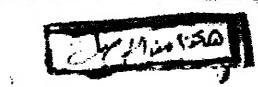
that the people most affected by the change never had a chance to complain against what they saw as a "swamping" of their communities. Rejecting their challenge Judge George Bartlett said the residents felt "they have been accorded less than equit-

able treatment, and I can understand their feelings". "forced to sit on the sidelines as mere observers of the contest that was to decide the of rural areas which is caus. | future of their area".

But it was "wholly improb-able", against the background of a valid inspector's report on an extensive and valid ear-

tor at a future inquiry would recommend against the foursite strategy in the absence of on an extensive and valid ear"compelling new material"
lier inquiry, that the inspect from the local residents.

Derek Malcolm reviews the latest film releases every Thursday in The Guardian



and the same



Proud symbol's days are numbered



Andrew Culf on the long and bitter struggle between modernisers and traditionalists for the soul of a globally respected institution

HE days of Bush House, the central London landmark that has symbolised the proud internathe temperature.
In simple terms it is an artional reputation of the World Service for more than 50 years, are numbered.

The lease expires at the end of 2004, but plans to move out all of the World Service's staff are to be accelerated. They are likely to be "co-located", according to BBC jargon, on a single site at White City, home of the Television Centre in west London.

It was a highly symbolic anment as the battle raging at the heart of the BBC intensified yesterday. The struggle for the soul of the World Service represents a fierce clash between two dis-tinct broadcasting cultures.

On one side, the traditional ists, led by Mark Tully, the veteran foreign correspondent, and John Tusa, the service's former managing director, are waging a campaign to erve a globally-respected

On the other, the BBC modernists, led by the director general, John Birt, and his news chief, Tony Hall, have laid out a strategic vision of the BBC's role in an uncertain digital future.

Yesterday the schism between Mr Birt and his detractors appeared as deep as ever as Mr Hall chief executive of BBC News, and Sam Younger.

World Service, headed for the Radio Festival in Birming-ham in an attempt to lower

gument over whether the World Service should retain its own news operation or be integrated in the BBC's do-Yesterday, Mr Hall left little

room for doubt. "The integration of BBC News and World Service news will allow all BBC journalists to build the strongest force in news across the globe."

The two sides had been sniping at each other all week. The campaign to save the World Service mounted by Bush House staff had already won the support of nearly 1,500 staff and more than 170 MPs.

Mr Tusa took to Radio 4's chairman, who appeared 40 minutes later accusing Mr Tusa of being three years out

of date.

propelled the story on to Radio 4's lunchtime agenda. An hour before he took to the stage at the Radio Festival. the World at One presenter Nick Clarke, secured a public admission from Mr Younger that he had considered resignation over the change managing director of the He knew about them just

The BBC's news editors







been a "shock to the system".

But he had decided to stay. 'Today's announcements amount to the assurances need to put hand on heart and say they will be able to serve the World Service's audiences

at least as effectively as in the The BBC's annual report,

hours before the public and published yesterday, reveals and separate commissioning BBC News, the directorate tor of World Service news, nouncement, and they had why the World Service is from production. worth fighting for. In his review, Mr Birt delivered a The World Service's foreign

glowing appraisal of its per formance in a year in which it increased its audience from 133 million to 140 million Mr Birt's blueprint for a reorganised BBC would pull

together radio and television into bi-media directorates

language services would be left untouched but English. drama and education prosioned from BBC Production: a new directorate serving do-

English language news and current affairs programmes would be commissioned from

programmes.

Mr Hall confirmed yesterday that a dedicated World Service news team will remain an integrated unit within BBC News.

Programmes for World Serrice will be commissioned by Bob Jobbins, a Bush House veteran, and the new team will be led by Ian Hoare, edi-

would pool resources. He wanted to avoid compulsory redundancies, but could offer

no guarantees. Service's international agenda and reputation will be swallowed up in a bland and monolithic news operation, driven by domestic priorities.

John McCarthy presents Outlook on the World Service.

N the summer of 1988 I became a dedicated fan of

the World Service. I had

been held hostage in Leba-

non for two years and had

received no news from the outside world. Suddenly a

ley became alive with the

the whole planet. I wept the first time I

heard the signature tune

and the words "This is the World Service of the BBC

barren cell in the Bekaa val

news, views and cultures of

My World Service

World Service works well and But Sir Christopher insisted: 'Every single person would like to leave the World Service as it is. It is simply The objectors believe World not an option. To do that would be . . . irresponsible."

> Anger at 'fat cat' pay rise, page 4; Leader comment, page 8; Donis Healey and

ever marvelling at the

range and depth of the pro-

grammes coming to us. When I started working

at Bush House earlier this

year I began to appreciate how the World Service cre-

nut. There is a terrific buzz

of excitement in the build-

ing to report impartially on the world's affairs. When I

heard of the planned sepa-ration of the English and

foreign language services I was angry, but more

I feel that the decision to

tear apart this remarkable institution has been taken

into every minute of World Service broadcasting.

without an iota of the

understanding that goes

ates this remarkable out-

Skills, knowledge and dedication will be jettisoned

sion of a statement yesterday to the Commons select committee on foreign affairs by John Tusa, former managing direc-tor of the BBC World Service.

DO NOT have to labour the record of BBC World Ser-vice's achievements, the standing it enjoys at home and abroad, and the credit it brings to Britain. The pro-posed changes, announced brings to Britain. The pro-posed changes, announced success as it stands. Audi-suddenly last month without ences have increased over a programme-making ties were

The following is an edited ver- | warning, prior consultation, or subsequent explanation, threaten to do irreparable damage to this institution. I urge delay and consultation.

There will be no penalty, either financial or competi tive, in such a delay, beyond loss of face for some. Here are some reasons why so many feel uneasy. First, the World Service is a



decade as more and more programming has originated

loosened from domestic radio, the better the World Service network has suited the needs of its audience, and the more the audience has responded by listening. Second, do not believe those

who urge restructuring on the grounds that the BBC cannot afford duplicate news rooms. The World Service newsroom has never dupli-cated Domestic News. The World Service newsroom is a specialist centre dedicated solely to "international news from a global perspective". Domestically-originated international news is "international news from a British perspective". There is noth-ing wrong with that for a domestic audience; the global audience does not want it.

Third, last week's so-called concession under which World Service News and Cur-rent Affairs remains at Bush

unprecedented pressure as a result of reductions in fund-

House merely allows the present situation to continue with one supreme disadvan tage. Under the managerial control of central BBC news and current affairs at TV centre, the World Service news room will have to apply to them for the news they de-liver by themselves under ex-

layer of bureaucracy and costs will be added. The 42 language services de-pend for their quality and programme vitality, not just on their daily relationship with the whole corpus of World Service English-language script-writing and programme-mak-ing Take those programmes from Bush House and the language services become mere translation agencies for a

remote and unaccountable programme factory.

The expertise of the lan-

because our aim is simple: to | vice journalist. Secondly, we get more people into the field | are creating a new unit bring-

guage services informed the output of the English language programming. Did you want an expert on Somalia, Burma, Russia, or Nigeria? There were dozens in the building, in the canteen, or only a floor away. This relationship will be broken, and probably charged for, if current BBC management practices are applied. It is this interconnection of broadcasting skills, specialist area knowledge, and a culture of dedication to the needs of a

global audience that the BBC changes will destroy. If the BBC has a case and can prove it, then let it be made openly, publicly, and persuasively, rather than se-cretly, privately, and arbi-trarily. The World Service should not be abolished with ment consultant's word

ing together specialist pro-gramme makers from the World Service and domestic

radio and television to pro-

duce programming about world affairs. And, finally, our plans to launch a 24-hour

television news channel for Britain will be integrated

with the BBC World televi-

I am certain this merger

will bring benefits because I

have been here before. Nine

years ago our domestic televi-sion and radio journalism

were brought together. We created a single news

gathering operation across radio and television and ex-

tended our presence around the world. And we developed

domestic expertise through our specialists here. The

fruits of this you hear daily

sion operation.

broadcasting from London". It gave me and my fellow hostages a real reason for keeping going. We would listen, radio

pressed tight against the ear, around the clock, for-Lord Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1980-91: THE religious ingredient

In international affairs is sometimes gravely cians and news vendors: but not by Bush House. The BBC World Service has built up the skills and experience necessary to address a wide variety of audiences. With its excellent religious education series, on Budhism. Hinduism, Islam and Chris tlanity, the World Service

has done a great deal to break down the barriers be-tween religions.

The chief interests of our domestic religious programme-making are at best exploratory, at worst trivial. The World Service chiefly addresses audience where religion is perceived in a very different way.

During my 10 years as

Archbishop of Canterbury, I came to depend heavily on Bush House for briefings on all my overseas travels. Each Christmas and Easer I used to address Chris-

tians in places where there

was very little if any reli-

gious freedom, and it was the World Service to whom I went first for guidance. The thing that impressed me again and again was the availability of people in the World Service with whom I could sit down and talk to ntelligently before framing my words very carefully. The World Service perspec-tive was — and is — of great mportance. I have grave doubts about how that would be maintained against the pressures of a have a different agenda. with quite different perspectives and pressures.

The changes will help journalism to thrive at the BBC

Tony Hall, chief executive of grow? We must meet head-on the challenge of changing the proposals.

HE big question facing the BBC's journalism. alive the first hand, eye witness reporting tradition that is at the heart of what we do.
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Expert condemns 'untested theories' denying climate change

Germany's green shoots of recovery 'may wither'

Global warming debate heats up

Paul Brown in Geneva

HE chairman of the tists which concluded that man is dangerously altering the earth's climate yesterday rounded on scientists supported by the fossil-fuel lobby who have been trying to rubbish their

Speaking at the climate convention in Geneva, Bert Bolin urged journalists not to listen to individual scientists whose theories had not been tested, and whose motives ap-

The Geneva conference. now in its second week, has become the focus of fierce debate and politicking as it tries to agree stricter targets for cutting carbon emissions under the 1992 United Nations Climate Change Convention signed in Rio de Janeiro.

Mr Bolin said that ever since his group of scientists concluded that man was discernibly altering the climate, a campaign had been waged

against their findings.
Picking up the three volumes containing the 1,800 pages of reports of the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he said:
'This is the work of 1,000 scientists, reviewed, revised, and reviewed again. There is no compromise in one or other direction. Do not trust any individual scientists, not even me; look at the work of all these, a balanced view.

"We utterly reject accusa-tions and allegations made against us. We have completely and carefully done our work, it is the best science on climate the world has to offer. I stake my reputation and honour that it is so."

Clean energy can be cheap'

MASS production is the key to switching the world from coal and oil to clean energy, industrial groups told the environ-ment conference this week.

The United States and European Business Councils said the change to renewable energy would not cause economic hard-ship — despite warnings

ship — despite warnings from the oil lobby.

"The products are already in the market. The only reason they are not cheap is that they are not produced in mass like current energy," said Harry Lehmann, the head of systems analysis at Germany's tems analysis at Germany's Wuppertal Institute for en-

ergy and the environment. He said seven available clean techniques could cover all energy needs.
These are: biomass (producing heat from wood chips
and plants); solar architecture; wind; hydroelectricity; solar heating; photovoltalc energy (conversion of solar power into electric-ity); and centralised solar plants in cities. — AP.

in the last few weeks, in the lead-up to the Second Conference of the Parties (COP2). The Global Climate Coalition, representing big coal, oil and chemical industries, was handing out cuttings from papers including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal at the door of the conference.

Mr Bolin, a Swede, said:
"We are not afraid of scientific debate, in fact we want it,
but we want it in the sciencredibility to dubious science tific journals, in properly have been fed to newspapers drawn-up arguments based

on data. This is not an argu-ment that can be conducted in

Sir John Houghton, former head of the Meteorological Office and co-chairman of an IPCC working group, criticised a book by John Emsley of Imperial College, London, who had concluded that global warming was not happening. He described some of the arguments as "pathetic, and not capable of standing up to serious scientific

acrutiny".

He said the work had not been tested, and that Mr Emsley was a serious chemist, but not a serious climate scientist. Patrick Michaels, a profe

sor from the University of Virginia, who is not one of the IPCC's 1,000 scientists, gave a news conference yes-terday in Geneva in which he said climate change was not a threat. Sir John said of him: You must not take any one scientist's evidence, particu-larly one that has a political ge attached to it."

The battle between the scientists was mirrored in the political meetings. Reports were being finalised for the heavyweight politicians to consider when they arrive at the conference today.

A resolution demanding that the IPCC's report should "be used as a basis for urgent action" to implement new measures to combat climate change was resisted by oll-and coal-rich countries. They asked for the scientists' assessment merely to be "taken into account".

No consensus was reached Eleven of the 150 countries present objected to "urgent action". They included the largest oil and coal producers – Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Oman, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates, Syria.



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Scientists in the dark as Black Forest confounds prophets of doom

There were shrill warnings of an evergreen stitute for Forest Growth at the University of Freiburg.

Cemetery but Germany's trees are cemetery, but Germany's trees are thriving, writes Rick Atkinson in Freiburg

Newspaper headlines, television documentaries and environmentalists warned that the legendary woodland — covering nearly a million acres in south-western Germany was in the grip of ecological calamity. Pollutants and climatic changes were creating an "evergreen is growing faster than ever.

"Germany without for-ests — it's unimaginable,"

HE Black Forest was considered all but dead by the German press and in the public imagination a dozen years ago.

asked the newspaper Esslinger Zeitung in March 1982. Hermann Graf Hatzfeldt, a leading forester, wrote in 1982: "The forest

is on its deathbed." Yet today it is clear, to paraphrase Mark Twain, that despite some lingering concerns, rumours of the forest's death were premature. Not only is the Black Forest marvellously ver-dant, but — like forests across most of Europe — it Since we began measur-

ing the forest, more than 100 years ago, there's never one magazine warned in been a higher volume of 1983. "And yet this will wood per acre than there is soon be the case." "Do our now," said Heinrich said Heinrich ing the loss of one-quarter

northern Europe, in most regions of central Europe and in some parts of south-

"If you'd asked scientists five years ago." Mr Spiecker added, "nobody would have believed it."
Still, all is not well, either in the forest or among forestry experts try-ing to understand the environmental complexities at play. Scientists disagree about the health of the Ger man woods. The government's 1995 report estimates that 22 per cent of the trees show signs of damage, defined as suffer-

the European Forest Insti-tute in Finland reports that "an increasing growth trend has been observed in the southern regions of ecology. A Forsa Institute

'In more than 100 years there's never been a higher volume of wood per acre than now'

poll in 1993 found that only 3 per cent of the Germans surveyed believed forest death to be a leading eco-

logical concern.
Mr Hatzfeldt, whose books in the 1980s included The Forest Is Dying, said: "On one hand, the claim cent more wood volume than a few decades ago probably reflects nitrogen increases in tree diets, for esters say. But whether that is good or bad in the long run remains uncertain. Mystical attachment to

10 years ago." The Black Forest's star-

tling growth - 20 to 30 per-

the deep woods is a promi-

Even those who are relatively sanguine about the helped stir a lot of concern, situation acknowledge that because for us it's so deeply on going the way they're the misplaced hysteria of embedded in history and cong, we'll soon be able to change the name to the Bald Forest." But hysteria was high in

culture and the psyche of people. At the same time, I feel that we have overdone it, and a bit of the callousthe early 1980s. Thousands of conifers in the Black Foryellowing and substantial needle loss.
"Yellow death hovers

over the sick forests," one headline warned. From 1984 to 1984, the federal and state govern-ments spent £250 million trying to stabilise damaged

Although researchers variously suspected ozone depletion or the sulphur in

by a warm, dry spell begin-ning in the mid-1970s. "The woods reacted badly," he said, "shedding needles to minimise tran-

spiration" or vapourisation through leaves. Tree the forest today is the est showed clear signs of result of over-excitament stress, with an unsightly 'Honest people will admit that they

> don't fully understand what's happening'

corpses, spindly trunks, and shorn needles littered the forest.

ing the forest a dark, brooding countenance that gave it its name - spruce trees are now equally common. Also decidnous trees such as beech, oak, maple and ash have declined.

The recent growth spurt is mystifying. One apparent factor is the gradual end across Europe in recent deades of "litter-raking" farmers scraping up fallen needles, leaves and underbrush to fertilise fields.

Although chastened by their earlier false alarms, German environmentalists

or man environmentalists
still voice disquiet.
Mr Hatzieldt cautioned:
"Honest people will admit
they don't fully understand what's happening. If we were not entirely right nent theme in German acid rain, Mr Spiecker now believes "that weather is the trees themselves. A century ago, the author Hans conditions — from believed to the conditions — from the believed to the support of the su

Asbestos forces students out

Paul Webster in Paris

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Jussieu on Paris's Left Bank before the end of the year following a presidential order to close the city's biggest cam-pus indefinitely because of asestos contamination.

It has taken 20 years of protest to force an official reaction to asbestos polsoning in the 26 high-rise blocks that jointly make up Paris VI and

students with nowhere to go. France's president, Jacques Chirac, said during his Basstudents and 10,000 staff tille Day press conference will start leaving that Paris VI and VII must be

evacuated, but did not say where the students would go. Decontamination work, which could take several years, has already started and thousands of students will have to find emergency lec-ture rooms for the autumn term, which is regularly trou-bled by demonstrations over

poor facilities.

five years ago, and govern-ment sources could only spec-

ulate vaguely that "certain

forces" were reacting against Mr Lazarenko's attempts to

end the coal dispute, in which

miners are demanding un-

Mr Lazarenko told deputies last week that even if the gov-

ernment diverted every

penny it received in taxes to

paying off unpaid wages and pensions, it would still take two months. However, an

agreement to pay the miners

by mid-September was signed

Mr Lazarenko is reported to

be one of the former Soviet

republic's wealthiest people, with big interests in the gas

region. Some observers be-

lieve that Riev has become

the arena for a power struggle for control of Ukraine be-

in Kiev yesterday.

and alcohol industries.

over official neglect similar to the HTV-contaminated blood to the defeat of the Socialists

There are also allegations of pressure to develop the prime site for luxury flats. An education ministry mission is being set up to explain the £100million decontamination programme and discuss possible alternative accom-modation in a conference cen-

But the universities' presi-Paris VII universities, but the The urgency to evacuate dents are ready to encourage evacuation deadline has the campus has been fuelled resistance and demand reno-

raised threats of a revolt by | by fears of a political scandal | vation to avoid mass evacuation or a postponed deadline.

Jean Lemerle, head of Paris
VI, said early closure
amounted to a death warrant.
Professors at Paris VII dent protests with dramatic

> Michel Parigot, head of Jussieu's anti-asbestos commit-tee, said teaching staff are angry because it will be im-possible to relocate laboratories in such a short time. Local shopkeepers and cafe-

owners, 90 per cent of whose customers are students, said

Ukraine prime minister survives car bomb 'assassination plot'

James Meek in Moscow

UKRAINE'S new prime minister, Pavlo Lazarenko, survived an apparent assassination attempt yester-day when a bomb exploded in Kiev as he headed for talks in the strikebound Donbass re-

Mr Lazarenko was not seriously hurt and later flew on to the eastern city of Donetsk, where he was due to meet coal industry executives and representatives of striking

Two cars, one carrying the prime minister and one his escort, were damaged by the explosion, which gouged out a crater three feet deep in the road. The bomb, thought to have been detonated by remote control, went off just as the cars were about to cross a bridge across the river

Dnieper. Political violence has been virtually unknown in tween the business and politi-Ukraine since it declared its cal elites of Dnepropetrovsk independence from Moscow and Donetsk.

News in brief

Raids to stop child labour

Pakistan, faced with scathing international criticism and threats of trade sanctions, has ordered local authorities to raid factories employing child labour, a government minis-

ter said yesterday.

The labour minister, Ghulam Akhar Lasi, has ordered the north-eastern town of Sialkot, where sports goods are made, to conduct raids and arrest contractors found employing children. — Reuter.

Sailor suspect

A man with a knife slashed the throat of Kaori Tanigawa, a Japanese woman in southwestern Japan, yesterday. A news report said an American Like his patron, President sailor was being questioned Leonid Kuchma, he halls in the case and had denied from the Dnepropetrovsk any involvement.—AP.

Teenage genius

A Romanian has beaten 429 rebel Taliban militia landed teenagers from 75 countries to at Bagram airbase north of

Bombay yesterday. Ciprian Manolescu, aged 17. was the only contestant to score full

Tunnel gang jailed A Berlin court yesterday sentenced five men to between six and 13 years in jail for their part in last year's "tun-nel robbery", writes Dennis Staunton in Berlin. A gang forced its way into a bank in a Berlin suburb last year, held 16 customers hostage for more than 18 hours, and stole

Refugees vanish About 2,000 Sudanese refu-

more than £4 million.

gees have disappeared from a camp in northern Uganda after nearly 100 were killed by Christian fundamentalist rebels last week, a senior Ugandan defence ministry official said. — Reuter.

Pilot surrenders

An MiG-21 jet fighter of the top the 37th International Rabul yesterday and its pilot surrendered to government contest's organisers said in forces.—Reuter.

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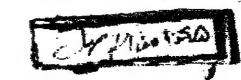
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Isias Nkejemuto's wife and four children died in the 1994 genocide. Now the fear is back, writes Chris McGreal in Kigali

Rwandan killers target witnesses

reconciled himself to the perpetual torment of genocidal fury consumed his wife and four of his children, two years ago. But he hardly expected the night-mare to return, banging on

The terror crept back late small community of Tutsi survivors in Bunyamanza, a small settlement in the western province of Kibuye. Dozens of Hutu extremists went from house to house, sbooting and hacking. Before the army arrived, 16 Tutsis

Mr Nkejemuto and the rest of the Tutsis fled their homes for the capital.
Once again they are refu-

es in their own land, running from the Hutu militia-

SIAS Nkejemuto had thought were crushed two from occupying property years ago.

The attack on Bunyamanza was one of a rising tide of assaults on genocide survivors, who have been shot, decapitated or poisoned. Last month 28 Tutsis were murdered in a single raid just across Rwanda's border with The terror crept back late the refugee camps in Goma, one night last month to a Zaire. Five of the dead were children. A few days earlier, Rutu extremists struck close to the capital, wiping out an

entire family of genocide sur-vivors, including grandpar-ents and young children. Many more have fled in the face of threats. Nearly 300 from just two communes are camped out with Mr Nkejemuto at a community centre in Kigali.

Some assaults appear to be an attempt to finish what was started in 1994; others are to mainly aimed at silencing

witnesses to the genocide. "When we came home after the genocide we were amazed to see some of the killers were still here. They were living openly. But we went to the au-thorities. We exposed these men. That is why we have a problem," he said.

Before the genocide, Kibuye had the highest concentration of Tutsis in Rwanda. It also effective killing machines. Only a few thousand survive of the 250,000 Tutsis who once lived in Kibuye. Mr Nkeje muto is among them.
Clement Kayishema, Ki-

buye's former governor, is the highest official of the old Tutsi refugees hunted down regime in the custody of the on a hillside. This year international tribunal facing dozens of these witnesses

UGANDA **⊘** Kigali RURUNDI years ago'

trial for genocide and mur-der. Crucial evidence is provided by survivors who saw him shoot into crowds of

Kibuye

"We were asleep | Ing to an organised slaughter. | midnight on June 18, Mr Nke | come to our homes," she said. | while the government | decapitated and their heads | "We were asleep when the | blames flutu extremists in when the place was surrounded. They started cutting people with axes and shooting. It was just like two

have been attacked, and some murdered. Many others have

gone into hiding.

During one attack on potential witnesses against Mr Kayishema, a hit-list of five names was recovered, point-polson Tutsis. Shortly before

carried off, perhaps so the killers could prove they had

done their work.
"In the past few weeks witnesses have been less willing to come forward," said Alain Sigg, an international tribunal representative in Kigali. "We're deeply concerned." Before the raid on Bunya-

manza, Tutsis there had suf-fered weeks of intimidation. Mr Nkejemuto and his three children were among 14 Tutsi families, or what remained of them, who settled there. Most of their homes had been destroyed, so they moved into houses abandoned by Hutus.

At first their property was

place was surrounded by interahamuse. There were only two soldiers to guard us and one of them was killed straight away. Then they started cutting people with axes and shooting. We were hiding behind our doors. It was just like two years ago,' Mr Nkejemuto said.

Among his neighbours was Tasiana Mukagatana, aged 35. She lived alone, the only one of eight siblings still alive. She said the killers were par-ticularly interested in geno-cide survivors who would tes-

"Some of us have given evidence because we saw some of the killers were still in their villages. The interahamwe warned us that we would be killed if we spoke out, but we

"The biggest problem is not those in Zaire but our Hutu neighbours. They are accom-plices." Ms Mukagatana said. "The interahamwe would come back to stay with their relatives; when the attack came they knew where the Tutsis lived. Afterwards the army found a letter from Zaire in the house of an old woman, which told her there

While the government blames Hutu extremists in

Zaire for most of the attacks,

survivors look closer to home. The Tutsis who fied

Bunyamanza accuse their Hutu neighbours of colluding with the killers and diverting

the attention of soldiers be-

fore the attack.

would be an attack."
"We have suffered once and now we have to suffer again," Mr Nkejemuto said. "How

Timorese find little to cheer

Twenty years of Indonesian rule have brought scant benefits to Dili.

John Aglionby in Jakarta reports

HERE will be few indigenous East Timorese among the crowds gathering outside the governor's office in the capital, Dili, today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Indonesia's an-nexation of the former Portu-

guese colony.

For while Jakarta maintains that the vast majority of the population wants to be integrated into Indonesia, the reality is not so clear cut.

Since President Suharto declared the region Indonesia's 27th province on July 17, 1976, Jakarta has assigned more than £535 million to develop undoubtedly much better off. But little aid has reached the 750,000 East Timorese. In the 150,000 have died from fighting, starvation and disease. Outsiders have the best jobs and unemployment is rife.

The 5,000 troops there are

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stensibly to quell the couple of hundred armed insurgents of Fretilin — the Revolutionary Front for the Indepen dence of East Timor. But that is just a facade, according to Indonesian analysts. "They get a lot of funding to be there and are concerned about the threat posed by urban, unem-

ployed youths," said one.
"These Timorese do not know anything but life dominated by Indonesian soldiers. They have not benefited from development programmes. They want independence, or

much greater autonomy." It is the military approach to development that is the source of the tension, according to diplomats. "If the military was more imaginative it would realise that by with-drawing the troops and allowing the East Timorese to gov-ern themselves, much of the opposition would be dissiated," a foreign envoy said.

East Timor's military com-

mander, Colonel Mahidin Simbolon, claimed recently that most of the population appreciated the soldiers' help with development pro-grammes. "Those who do not like the army's presence are the anti-integration groups, especially intellectuals. They have never been to the vil-lages. They don't know the suffering of the people."

In May he announced that 1,200 troops would be removed, but independent sources say the figure was nearer 200. "Some soldiers were withdrawn, but at the first sign of trouble most were brought back," one said.
The youths' campaign to

keep East Timor in the international spotlight centres on protests there and climbing into foreign embassies in Jakarta at politically sensitive movements to seek asylum. Since December 1992, the

Portuguese have been holding talks with Indonesia under the auspices of the United Nations, which does not recover East Timor, but scant

progress has been made. "While Indonesia wants to resolve the situation, it is not prepared to give any concessions or change its approach mat said. "It sees East Timor as an integral part of the country and refuses to hold a referendum on the province's future. It is not the foreign minister, Ali Alatas, who con trols Jakarta's policy on East Timor, but the military."

Most Western countries are too concerned about losing trade contracts to complain vociferously about Jakarta's occupation. This happened to the Dutch after they withdrew aid following the massa-cre of 50 civilians in a Dili emetery in 1991. British direct investment in

Indonesia last year alone totalled £4.2 billion. And Australia; while condemning Jakarta's abuses in East Timor, recognises its sovereignty.

But if further proof were

needed that the situation is not as rosy as Jakarta makes out, when the Indonesian national commission for human rights opened an office in Dili this month, more than 100, complainants came on the first day.



Major-General Liu Zhenwu (left), the future commander, with Major-General Bryan Dutton inspecting the troops in Hong Kong Photocopy HUNCEVIYU

China's army chief sees honour guard in Hong Kong

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

ORE than 150 years after their unhappy encounter in the opium war, Chinese and British generals yester-day exchanged their first sa-lutes in Hong Kong to a bag-pipe lament at the Prince of Wales barracks.

Major-General Liu Zhenwu,

commander of the "red first regiment" that will move into Hong Kong on July 1 next year, reviewed an honour guard of the 1st Battalion of Royal Gurkha Rifles.

The arrival of Gen Liu for a

three-day visit begins the formal countdown to a military takeover that, in 349 days, will finally avenge China's de feat in 1841.

Britain and China have been squabbling behind closed doors about the size of an advance guard Beijing wants to send to Hong Kong to prepare for the arrival of some 10,000 troops of the

Hong Kong's post-1997 con-stitution promises that the PLA will "not interfere in local affairs" but Deng Xiaoping has warned that China will use force to halt

Some Hong Kong residents are worried about the PLA's business judgment: Gen Liu will receive a monthly salary of only 1,200 yuan (about £100), less than a third of the minimum for domestic

Old guard secures the future for Vietnam's new rich

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Ho Chi Minh City

HE smiling reception-ist of Long Hai Com-pany in Ho Chi Minh City is not all she seems. Elegantly attired in a traditional Vietnamese gown, she looks every inch the demure secretary, but she is trained to deliver a pasty kick and a fatal chop.

triguing Vietnamese cock-tail that blends elements of its dour communist past and the effervescent entrepreneurship long suppressed in the south.

fices are springing up in merly Saigon. A rash of costly villas is spreading

ees of Vietnam's only private security company. Set | Party leaders are commitup six mouths ago, it is a ted, in principle, to market-new ingredient in an inbut are in two minds about

In principle, there is nothing wrong in being rich, the party says. But in the smaller community of the capital Hanoi, in the north, the rich feel uncomfortably exposed to the censorious, or possibly envi-ous, gaze of hidebound ideological martinets.

City, where incomes are more than four times the national average, it is not only unreconstructed capi-talists that are setting the pace. The pro-communist boss of a privately-owned textiles factory has just im-

A company set up by the culture ministry is behind a new bowling alley which

ported Vietnam's first Rolls-Royce. serves Coca-Cola, Carlsberg and Western rock music to

penity has opened the way for the Long Hai security company. Its boss is Majoraged 72, a veteran of Vietnam's shadowy internal security service who was a bodyguard to Ho Chi Minh.

tycoons.
The advent of such pros-

"Because of economic changes there are new crimes. We opened this

says. For about £5.20 an hour. Long Hai Security provides a martial arts-trained body-guard. A 24-hour security guard service to factories and other premises costs £480 a month.

In six months, the com-pany has doubled its secu-Xoan is thinking of opening a branch in Hanoi and ex-



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The World disservice

The BBC's myopic plans should be halted

act of cultural vandalism which should be rescinded forthwith. It beggars belief that the BBC's central command — which have lavished so many millions in pursuit of the latest corporate guru - could have unleashed such fundamental restructuring of the World Service without so much as waving the plans in front of those who were running it. By what impulse of self-destruction do otherwise sensible people suddenly turn on an icon of proven success in response to this year's flavoursome management theory? The World Service is a priceless national asset. It has a world brand-name and reputation should be benefitting from some of the among its peers that most multinational corporations would die for. As yesterday's BBC annual report confirmed, the World Service increased its | mote objective news coverage and analweekly audience from 133 million to 140 ysis for the hundreds of millions of million last year even before including countries, such as China, where proper measurement is not yet possible. This confirms the service as one of the few centres of world excellence that Britain | this year's capital budget to be followed can boast in any activity.

Sure, it brings in no revenues. Like blood, it is one of those things that an altruistic Britain gives away for free: but it has an influence on world affairs that is impossible to price, as countless people, including Terry Waite, Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and ex-President Gorbachev would attest to. It is successful because it knows its audience and isn't distracted by other factors. Of course, it shouldn't be immune synergetic opportunities with the BBC. as the information revoution sweeps the World Service's potential audience

JOHN BIRT has made an awful mistake | English language side of the World and should admit it. The BBC'S take- Service - even if, this time round, some over of its World Service offshoot is an of the key posts will go the World Service personnel who — now they have decided not to resign — have convinced themselves that the new system (including the BBC's byzantine in-ternal market) can be made to work. That may be true — but so is the opposite: that the World Service could easily have drawn on resources in the BBC's domestic service without jettisoning its successful culture. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Whatever the shortcomings of the BBC however, the Government remains the main villain because of savage cuts in the budget of an organisation which savings made by the post-Cold War reductions in defence spending. Why shouldn't some of this be used to propeople still denied access to such luxuries? Instead of increasing the World Service's budget, the Government has forced a £5.4 million (20 per cent) cut in by £10 millions of cuts in 1997 and 1998 - on top of an eight per cent cut in real terms over the previous three years. Goodness knows what will happen when the diminished grant-in-aid that the World Service receives direct from the Foreign Office gets mixed up with BBC's income from licence fees. There will be an even greater incentive by the Treasury to cut subsidies. In the coming battle between the globally-orientated World Service and the domestic from change. Of course, there must be BBC over staff economies does anyone seriously doubt who will be the loser? A better solution would be for Parliament the world (though, remember, most of to assume responsibility for the efficiency, impartiality and finances of the is out of digital reach). But instead of service before it becomes subsumed -

Rupert Murdoch's tax problem

His companies don't like paying up: it's time they learned

ENOCH POWELL used to say that as a | Murdoch press to embark on a new and citizen he looked forward every year to highly-popular campaign for which its paying his taxes. Not so Rupert Murdoch. As our investigation yesterday showed, Mr Murdoch's News Corporation paid a meagre £76 million in taxes on profits of £793 million. In the UK, his company paid no tax at all on declared profits of £165 million. No one suggests that he is doing anything illegal. The zero rate of tax is partly achieved by offsetting past losses against profits and by using tax allowances linked to capital investment. Mr Murdoch, to his credit, thinks long-term and is not afraid to risk money in new investment at a time when most of British industry has been investment-shy. But this only explains part of News Corporation's low tax charge: the rest is the result of reducing profits through devices like day's figures for government borrowing intra-company loans, often routed through subsidiaries located in taxpaying deserts like the British Virgin islands, where corporation tax is merely 1 per cent. Interest is paid in high-tax jurisdictions and profits collected in low-tax jurisdictions. Again, nothing illegal, just unreal and tacky.

Rupert Murdoch is no ordinary citizen. He runs newspapers around the world, which regularly tear people and governments apart when they depart enforceable groundrules. If Mr Murfrom what his papers regard as proper public behaviour. If politicians are found fiddling their expenses or indulging in extra-marital affairs, that is regarded as fair game for the Murdoch | the lead in paying his dues. No repretabloids. Perhaps it is time for the sentation without taxation.

to win elections — then he should take

Peace must never take a holiday

MPs should think very carefully before taking theirs

WHEN is a crisis not a crisis? When it's also exactly the days when politicians the summer holidays. Northern Ireland is enduring by far its most serious summer for many years. In such circumstances the need for politicians to mobilise a public movement for peace | Ireland's representatives to "try and try might seem paramount, for if they and try again to get the settlement we slacken their efforts they will leave the field even more open to the enemies of peace than it is already. Yet in a week or two's time, the multi-party talks are expected to break for around five weeks. And, if the independent Unionist MP Robert McCartney has his way. the break will be even longer.

Everyone needs a holiday, and politicians are no different from the rest of us in that respect. Moreover, constructive talking is not easy in Northern Ireland right now, after a week which has rocked the stability of the province to its foundations. On such grim days the heach and the gite beckon with even greater allure than usual. But these are summer. No peace, no holiday.

need to be on hand, working at it until they have got it right.

In his Panorama interview on Monday, John Major called on Northern need". At the end of a traumatic few days, those are easy words to utter but bitter ones for some to accept. They are, nevertheless, right. The political wounds caused by Drumcree will not be healed by pretending that they never happened. But nor will they be healed by constant picking at the scabs. In the short term, there is a real danger that the parade in Derry next month could become another Drumcree. In the longer, there is a compelling need for the British and Irish governments to combine in a fresh drive for a stable peace. Events demand that the politicians must earn their corn through the

discussing mutual help, the BBC is as it surely will — in the ambitions of imposing a virtual takeover of the Birt's Broadcasting Corporation. global reach makes it uniquely qualified: persuading corporations to pay their "fair" share of tax. For although News International is a glaring example, corporate tax avoidance is a worldwide problem needing a worldwide so-

lution. Corporations and individuals are resistant to paying more taxes yet demand the services (like health, education) and infrastructure that only taxes can finance. Globalisation of trade brings benefits (like the influx of international investment that has transformed key sectors of the UK's industrial base) but it has also enabled corporations to play government against government to secure ever lower tax charges. One reason yesterwere so huge is that most international corporations attracted to the UK pay low taxes or, in many cases, no taxes. No single country can solve this problem on its own. If Britain insisted on minimum real levels of taxation, mobile international investment would simply seek another haven elsewhere. Ultimately, global avoidance will require international organisations — like the OECD, the IMF or the Gatt to lav down doch wants to gain moral legitimacy for the power he wields over his readers including, as the Sun claims, the power

BORIS YELTSIN-ALIVE ANDWELL I SURMISE!

changes and changes in em-

requirements.

These changes are reflected amongst members of the Op-

portunity 2000 campaign. Poli-cles and practices designed to

enable people to balance work and home more effectively are

now open equally to women

and men. Five years ago, they were only available to selected groups of women. As a result,

our member companies are seeing the bottom-line benefits

in terms of increased reten-

The aims of the EOC

Letters to the Editor

The wars of the sexes

pressions about the Equal Op-

portunities Commission.
The EOC was established to achieve equality for both women and men and has a proud history of challenging sex discrimination wherever it exists. The EOC has always represented men, where clear inequalities existed, and it is only in the area of recruitment that there has been a marked increase in complaints from men.

Historically, and today, the bulk of discrimination is still

against women and that is where the EOC focuses most of its resources — in key areas such as part-time work, sexual harassment, pensions, preg-nancy and maternity, childcare, education and training.

The facts simply do not support Covey's assertion that the EOC's emphasis has shifted away from helping women. In 1995, 90 per cent of the grants for lead a selectory are covered as the contract of the grants.

for legal assistance were given to women. As the statutory body, the EOC has to deal with any complaints of discrimina-We know that there are still

areas of great inequality to tackle. Our legislation does have teeth, and compensation levels are rising, but attitudes are harder to change. The message of our 20th-year However, the scene is annual report is that equality | changing rapidly. Jobs for life,

ONNA COVEY'S article (Why Kamlesh Bahl) life. That reponsibility is for must go, July 16) conveyed some misleading imstaff of the EOC. ployment patterns are result-ing in more flexible working

Kamlesh Bahl. Chairwoman, Equal Opportunities Commission. 36 Broadway. London SWIH OXH.

ONNA Covey has the wrong target. The Equal Opportunities Act, which established the EOC, is about equal opportunities. It does not mention women. The EOC was hijacked by feminists and for decades nothing was done about the 40 per cent of complaints about job discrimination which expectation which expectation which expectations. tion which came from men. If Covey wants to pursue the feminist battle, she should lobby Parliament, not attack the head of the ROC for doing what that organisation was set tip to do. Ray Thomas.

have rightly benefited

35 Passmore, Milton Keynes MK6 3DY. ONE cannot but be sur-prised at the intemperate tone of what is clearly a very personalised attack on Kamlesh Bahl. For the past 20 years, as the statute requires, the EOC has worked to redress imbalance and dis-crimination on the grounds of sex, whether male or female, and, as a result, many women

DONNA Covey proclaims that there is a difference between fairness for men and equality for women. One would expect Ms Covey, a trade-union official responsible for equal rights, to have read (and understood) Animal Farm, in which Orwell antici pates her position with the memorable dictum: All animals are equal — but some are more equal than others. Anyone who thought the EOC was about women's rights should note its motto — "challenging inequalities between women and men" — and recognise that the next EOC chair might

is bearing fruit. Lady Howe of Aberavon.

Chairman,

Opportunity 2000.

well be a man. Richard Gregory. 16 Carthew Villas, London W6 0BS.



Bread and better **Bomb plot**

DAVID Hirst's report (King Hussein faces revolt as Jordan chokes on bread prices, July 13) is a very unbalanced assessment of the situation in Jordan today.

There has been widesprea iiscussion about bread prices for two months prior to this week's increase. The plan is to re-channel the subsidy in the form of salary increases to those on low incomes, thereby ending subsidisation of undeserving quarters, such as those who use bread as animal feed for illegally imported and re-exported herds.
This move comes alongside
other efforts to tighten up on
government spending.
Jordan is proud of its com-

mitment to parliamentary plu-ralism. The 1989 elections did not take place because of "five days of rioting" but rather because there could not be any elections prior to the 1998 disengagement with the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Jordan's peace treaty with

Israel has enabled the country to open up to the world in a way not seen be-Market-economy fore. reforms and an expanding private sector are there to be seen and reported. The benefits of peace will not come overnight and must be looked at in the context of a comprehensive peace settlement in the region.

Last week, western donor countries met in Paris and agreed a \$1 billion package to support the Jordanian balance of payments and in response to medium- and longterm investment needs. This is a mark of faith in Jordan's economic prospects. Bassam J Asfour.

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What a stunner

GRANTED that Theodore Kaczynski, the alleged Un-abomber, was probably influ-enced by Conrad's The Secret Agent, as discussed by D J Taylor (Comment page, July 12). But there is a prescient literary antecedent much closer to home. In Paul Auster's novel Le-viathon, the narrator's close

friend, a highly intelligent writer called Benjamin Sachs, takes on the identity — and bomb-making equipment — of Name and address supplied. an ex-Berkeley campus radi-cal, a crazed idealist renegade from an ecological activist group. Sachs retires to a remote shack in rural Ver-mont, from where he master minds bomb attacks all over the US. But whereas the Una-bomber was homicidal, Sachs specialises in blowing up replicas of the Statue of Liberty. When Sachs accidentally blows himself up, the narra-

tor's address is found among his remains. He is questioned by FBI agents but refrains from identifying his old friend as the bomber. Since the narrator of Leviathon may be said to resemble Auster himself, one can't help wondering whether the FBI may have beaten a path to Auster's door. Neil Hornick. 618b Finchley Road London NW11 7RR

There is a national 24hour postal strike from midnight tonight. But we are confident that our roaders will use technol egy, and ingenuity, to nicate with us as

usual. To avoid delays, please use our fax numbe (0171 837 4530), or the letters-page e-mail address, which is: latters a guardian co.uk

UST before I read your article on exam howlers (Student clangers unite English-speaking world, July 15). I had marked my last batch of GCSE English Literature papers, one of which contained this gem: "Henry V is a great leader. He really gets his soldiers going with the cry: 'Once more on to the beach, dear friends!" Such moments make GCSE mark-ing almost worthwhile.

JOUR article (Shocked and I stunned, July 4) says that the Prison Service intends to use a remote-controlled stun belt. Although we have been given, unsolicited, one of these belts, there are no plans for this device to be tested or used by the Prison Service. Richard Tilt. Director-General

HM Prison Service. Cleland House, Page Street, London SW1P 4LN.

THE Highways Agency de-scribes road protesters planting trees in the M41's fast lane as causing "damage" (Trees planted in fast lane, July 15). Presumably when the agency chops down thousands of trees to make yet another road, this is "progress". Richard Mountford. 76 Springfield Road. Birmingham B147DY.

WHY can't Pru Leith just leave the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square as it is (Letters, July 15)? Why do we need to fill up the square in its first 150 years? There will be crises in the centuries ahead, and heroes will emerge to save the nation. Save it for the hero yet to come.

David Shannon. 39 Woodland Mount, Hertford SG13 7JD.

Readers continue their humble attempt to solve Ireland's crisis

requires a framework to which the Protestant parties are forced to respond. The Angio-Irish Agreement must be revised to give the UK the option to parallel Dublin's forswearing of territorial claims with its own disengagement of sovereignty. leaving a residual European Union to pick up the peacemaking pieces.

Most of us do not willingly tolerate those who cannot find in themselves the acceptance which Irish Catholics. as neighbours and colleagues at work, enjoy on this side of

tion of women in the workplare. Tom Snow. Mundania Road. London SE22.

haven't changed; the job market has. Surely the fact that increasing numbers of men are now using the EOC to voice their concerns demonstrates that the work of not only the EOC but also organisations like Opportunity 2000 is bearing fruit. WHAT a chance for Tony Blair to exercise states-manship. If the Labour Party offered a firm commitment to hold back its voting power in Parliament by the size of the Orange voting strength when-ever issues bearing on the Irish situation came to a division, he would free the Government from its dependence on the Orange vote. Mr Major | Ithis Bosnia on our doorstep tively in matters which are clearly above party conflict.

Chinnor Hill, Oxon OX9.

ANY HOPE of progress in ONE of the greatest obern Ireland must be Sir Pat-rick Mayhew. To judge from his public demeanour, he is at once querulous and patronising, unctuous and obstinate, ng, unctuous and countries, pompous and equivocating. His presence at any negotiat-ing table must be guaranteed to increase the irritation level

on all sides. His judgment is now ex-posed as unreliable, to say the least. There is only one honourable course of action open - resignation.

Angus McGeoch. William Street,

THE inexorable move towards a United States of Europe will deliver the only solution to the problem in Ireland. With a single currency and a Brussels-based government, Ireland, like California in the US, would become a state within a uni-fied Europe. Peter Stewart.

London W3.

IT is time that we offloaded could at last act construct and spent our money on more worthy causes. Mary Russell. Cedar Road. Sutton, Surrey SM2.

Hallelujah chorus for Sir Edward

IT Is depressing to read seem to suggest that they again letters from "professional" musicians (July 15 and cellence. As a professional you 16) deciding the efforts of Sir Edward Heath, who admits to being an "amateur". This closed-shop professional closed-shop professional ap-proach killed musical pro-gress in Britain in the 19th century — and for what? To pay homage to Parry, Prout, and the uptight musical

Whilst we in Britain were primly arranging our musical antimacassars, in Russia. Rimsky-Korsakov and Borodin (to name but two self-conessed amateur musicians) brought fresh air into the music of that country. It took Elgar (not taught in a formal conservatoire) and Walton (no formal teaching in composition) -- to name but two -- to bring new life to British music. incidentally, Elgar was an amateur chemist, but pro-fessional chemists don't feel

threatened by it. Perhaps we should remem-ber the root of the word amateur — one who loves his re-creation. The sour comments from your correspondents | London WC2E 9DG.

may have technical excellence, but your letters don't suggest that there is much love about. Roy S Lehrle. 98 Presthope Road

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As a conductor who heard the concert in Salisbury Cathedral last Saturday, may I correct any impressions from your correspondents that Sir Edward Heath cannot conduct moving performances. The Schubert Unfinished Symphony had great depth and atmosphere. Ivo Pogerelich played the Chopin Second Concerto with tremendous freedom, requiring a very subtle accompaniment. The Bruckner Te Deum, with the Philharmonia Chorus, provided some thrilling moments, unforgettable for the right reasons. The music was ful-filled. What more can one ask of a conductor? Denis Vaughan.

41 Floral Street.

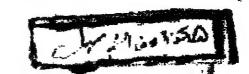
A Country Diary

grasses. Low granite walls edge the drailles or droveways across these expansive summer pastures, some 4,000 feet high, grazed by suckler herds of Aubrac cattle, each with their own bull. Occasional arable fields grow sparse cereals, brilliant blue cornflowers scattered between blue-green stems of rye. After two days' walking west across this cool, remote plateau, we descend towards the river Lot, through woods on rough paths, past steep meadows with tall grass, scabious and yarrow, many cut for bay. A thousand swifts swirl and dive around the ancient bridge beneath Estaing's 15th century castle and church dominating the steepslated roofs of the town. Nearby are terraces of vines and fields of ripening barley, edged with walnuts, and ap-

AUBRAC to QUERCY: Tall | chestnut woods and, on a dull spikes of yellow gentians day, the fluffy flower tassels grow between masses of wild are luminous as sunshine pansies with long-stemmed against the purple heather on pink thrift amongst flowering rocky ridges. The last lap of our walk on St Jacques's path is south-west from Cahors, across limestone country, in woods of stunted oak, juniper and box, resounding with chiff chaffs and whirring cicadas. Wheat is crackling ripe in the valleys with sunflowers and fields of tomatos, melons, tobacco and maize irrigated from streams and farm reservoirs. The temperature in auzerte is 25C, compared with only 10C in Aubrac. Orchards of black cherries, kiwi fruit, ripening apricots and yellowing plums, with vine-yards of the celebrated Chasselas grape, fill the landscape towards Moissac.

Finally, we drop down Côte St Michel to the red-tiled roofs and massive Romanesque abbey where swifts shriek and fly in formations over cobbled squares and fruit market beside the river ples and pears covered in mis-fletce. After Espeyrac, medi-eval Conques is set in steep Tarn and greenish water of

the Lateral canal VIRGINIA SPIERS



Diary

Matthew Norman

N ENCOURAGING news for New Labour election prospects, it appears that the party's "rapid rebutial" strategy is already up to full speed. For this discovery, we thank Mandy Mandelson. In his cancelly see the description capacity as shadow civilservice minister, Mandy went last week to a Whitewent last week to a wind-hall reception. Upon over-hearing a Guardism jour-nalist suggesting to a union leader that the restoration of full union rights at GCHQ might be fudged, Mandy took umbrage and inter-rupted, describing this as 'a typical Guardian view When my colleague said that it was his own opinion, Mandy unleashed a missile from the nuclear section of his formidable debating arsenal. "Nurgh-nurgh nurrghh-nurgh nurghhb-nurrggghhh," be chanted, after the fashion of a kindergarten playground spat. Yesterday, we rang Mandy's assistant, Benja-min "Oofy" Wegg-Prosser (leader of the P G Wodenouse wing of New Labour), who in turn put it to Mandywho, regardless that many of those blameless mandarins heard the ex-

Oofy Wegg-Prosser, meanwhile, we took the chance to put to him the persistent whisper that Mandy is Nelson Mandela's love child. Mandelson being a simple contrac-tion of "Mandela's son". The young gentleman was silent for a few moments, as though dredging up a rapid rebuttal from the depths of his very soul. "Well, I haven't heard those

change very clearly, cate-

gorically denied it. A tri-umph, then, for rapid

more about it.

rebuttal. Now let's hear no

APID rebutial is, of course, a Bill Clinton strategy and it is good to see New Labour keen to learn even more from the President's electioneering technique. A memo is circu lating among Labour backroom boys and girls — Tony Blair aides, PLP staff and Shadow Cabinet researchers - inviting them to a screening of the war room" documentary "about the central operation of the 1992 American presidential campaign' It's on Wednesday, July 31, at 6pm. Where? In the media centre at Millbank

K! MAGAZINE has with a gentle "at home with" piece on Winnie Mandela comes another chance to "test those grey cells against Gyles's twisted Brandreth's Brainstorm. the Chester MP finally takes off the kid gloves, and asks: apart from winning Baftas and being British. what do actors Robbie Coltrane and Martin Clunes have in common? The answer is that their surnames both begin with the

Week is The Dons In The League (Sporting and Leisure Press, £17.95). in which the Diary's old schoolmate Stephen Crabtree, a deputy headmaster (now, that is; at school, he was a pupil), records the don Football Club. We begin with Chapter One, The Non-League Years, "In the summer of 1956, the decided to appoint Les Henlev as Club coach for the following season after three disappointing years," writes Crabtree. "His method slowly took effect with the Dons finishing 13th, then 7th and finally Champions in the 1958-59

UR NEW Book of the

AM DISTRESSED to see, in a newspaper photo-graph, Sir George Young aboard a Peugeot bicycle. This is a very poor and anti-British example for a Trans port Secretary to set the bi-cycle-purchasing public. Irritable at first, as though it felt this was a flippant inquiry unworthy of being rapidly rebutted, the Transrapidly rebutted, the Transport Dept press office eventually explained that Sir George's main blke is a British-made Pashley. That's all very well, Sir George, but let's see you showing it off next time, shall we? And what the hell's wrong with a Raleigh



Tales of fat-cattiness The Information took three years to write (the stories have yet to appear); with an agent's percentage shaved off, ries knows no logic, makes no and sour cream

Commentary Catherine Bennett

F THERE is time, between redefining hell, forgiving divorcees and dawning Camelot and all its works, the Church of England Synod might like to turn its attentions to the activities of the literary agent Andrew Wylie. For if, as the clerics claim, the lottery jackpots visit con-fusion on the winners, and inspire envy, bitterness and gread in everyone else, Wylie's book deals seem to have scarcely less diabolical consequences. His latest feat, an American advance of £1.3 mil-lion for Salman Rushdie's next novel, has already been denounced by those who be-lieve that literary endeavour ahould be its own reward. According to the Daily Mail, the publishing world is "stunned" by Wylie's deal. "The book world has gone nuis," an unnamed publisher complained. "It is a reflection of the feeding frenzy for big names. In most other professions a hearty appetite for big names is not considered inappropri-

world does not appear to resent Clive Anderson's fee of \$27,857 for each of his Chan-nel 4 chat shows, nor Angus Deayton's £12,000 charge for every appearance on Have I Got News For You? (with a weekly "exclusivity bonus" of £4,290). There was no grudg-ing talk of feeding frenzies when Chris Evans got a £1.5 million deal for his ser-vices to Radio 1; when Frank Bruno won £4 million for los-ing his last fight, when Demi Moore trousered \$12.5 million for disrobing in Stripteasa.

Even in publishing, some authors are allowed to make fortunes and escape censure. When the producers of bestsellers earn millions, even the Daily Mail seems to share Dr Johnson's opinion that "No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money".
What would be considered greed in a literary author is celebrated, in commercial ones, as a show of gutsiness, a triumph over adversity. With her latest, three-book, deal for £17 million, Barbara Taylor Bradford acquired a further distinction as Britain's high-est-earning woman. "Obvi-ously I'm very talented," she explained.
If this were true, Bradford

world is not stunned by the news that Naomi Campbell tion to literature, she would probably earn less than an actual receive from his American publishers. The comedy now condemns Charles Dickers of the state of th ens or Lewis Carroll for assidnously making money from their work, the spectacle of contemporary writers behav-ing in the same way arouses scorn even among their col-leagues. Last year the pro-tracted hounding of Martin Amis was launched by a fellow novelist, A S Byatt, who took exception to his £500,000 advance for a novel and book of short stories. "I always earn out my advances," she objected, "and I don't see why I should subsidise his greed..." The rationale for such complaints was that sales of the book could not possibly earn back the advance. But even if this turned out to be the case, it does not make his publisher's decision to put its faith and its money in Amis any less admirable. Byatt, who is so far from penury that she blew her Booker winnings on a swim-ming pool for her residence se-condaire, has since forgiven Amis his bonanza, explaining: What I said was purely abstract anger about the amount of money." Abstract or not, the anger is misplaced. Like Amis's and Rushdie's tabloid critics. Byait's reaction sug-gests that an advance is some if this were true, Bradford sort of jackpot, for work pro-would sell fewer books. If she duced overnight. In reality,

agent's percentage shaved off, is £500,000 excessive? It leaves the author worse off than Anthea Turnar, worse off than Camelot executives; poorer, by far, than unqualified clerks who earn £300,000 a year for administrating barristers' chambers. If the lifetime takings of our successful novelists were totted up most ings of our successiu nover-ists were totted up, most would probably conclude, like Anthony Trollope, that the results were "comfortable, but

not splendid".

Most writers will surely rejoice that Andrew Wylie's deals show that critical recognition can, on occasion, be translated into temporary prosperity. After all, success, for artists such as Hockney, Freud or Damien Hirst, is allowed to take the form of money. Why should novelists

There was no talk of feeding frenzies when Demi Moore trousered \$12.5m for disrobing in Striptease

be their poor relations? The lesson of history is that most significant artists, whether novelists or poets, painters or composers, have never been paid enough for their work. Vermeer's family died in pen-ury, Rembrandt went bank-rupt, Mozart was buried in a pauper's grave. The whole of Diana's new fortune might not be enough to buy a work by Van Gogh, who, often in his own lifetime, could not afford the materials to paint. In the case of the utilities

mining the family she chose to marry into is fair dos. The General Synod freis about greed and the National

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Lottery but does not debate the avarice of utilities executives who are joyously flout-ing the recommendations of the Greenbury report, treat-ing themselves to ever-higher papers cultivate public ran cour against MPs, whose reinflated salaries remain a fraction of those of most editors', for example that of the editor of the New Statesman. It is argued that MPs are public servants — which is exactly why they should be properly rewarded. Instead of honouring those we have chosen to represent us, we aspire to humble them, to punish them for daring to earn more

than nurses. There is clearly, in the national psyche, some no-tional maximum pay to be applied, quite arbitrarily, to anyone unappealing. Popular earners — snooker players and models, comedians and rock stars — deserve everything they can get. Everyone else, from politicians to grumpy novelists, belongs to the category "stinking rich", charged with taking money which should, by rights, be earned by their critics. One simple way of punishing them all would be more savage rates of taxation. But the rhetoric of equality does not go barons and beneficiaries of that far. After all, we're not quangos, the resentful lan-guage of fat-cats and cream, socialists. We're just mean.

distinction between merited and unmerited reward. Elizabeth Hurley's Estée Lauder contract was a national triumph; Rushdie's advance sets umph: Rushdie's advance sets a had example. John Birt's \$300,000 for running the BBC is deplorable; Princess Diana's \$15 million for undermining the family she seems.



Isabel Hilton

Georgia, where the Olympic flame will spring into life in two days. The city is scrubbed and gleaming, the athletes' bodies toned and oiled, the TV cameras ready. li's all looking fine — except that, in what looks like a disturbing failure of nerve, the state of Georgia has put its fine programme of execu-tions on hold for the duration of the Games. This is disap-pointing. Why should Death Row be exempt from Olympic fever? Instead of suspending executions, why not make them an Olympic event? There would be no shortage of

strong national teams.

The host country, the US, would be up there with the leaders — with strong compe-tition for places in the national team from several states that have not, until now, made much of a mark on the Games. There would have to be some ruling, of course, on style, unless this could be a free-style competition: should it be the electric chair or injection, the choice in Virginia, or shooting, as in Utah? And will New York, where the death penalty has recently been re-introduced, come up with some new method to add variety to the proceedings? It's likely that the proposal would count on strong sup-port from the White House: President Clinton gave this activity a welcome boost when he signed a new law earlier this year removing several cumbersome appeal options that were getting in the way of a citizen's right to vited from the manufacturers participate in his own execu-tion. And the enthusiastic support of the public is not in ufacturers and even the humparticipate in his own execution. And the enthusiastic doubt. The many hundreds of ble rope makers. good citizens of Pennsylvania And there is, finally, the who have applied to witness humanitarian case. At presentions, only to be cruelly disappointed, could be the scope for human benefit

season ticket for the Games, just to set the ball rolling. For those who cannot afford the long journey to Atlanta, there is the talevision option. Those TV companies in California which were recently turned down by the courts when they applied, under the First Amendment, for the right to televise executions would find their way clear. They would only have to compete for the franchise.
The US undoubtedly would be a pace-setter in variety of technique but China, coming up fast in other Olympic events, would start with a

tion. The People's Republic is traditionally a world leader in the field — in 1995 it scored 2,190 of the worldwide total of 2,931 executions, and state investment this year in the major training programme. Operation Strike Hard, will boost the 1996 figures considerably. China's lead might be unassailable for a year or two, though others do their best with the limited populations at their disposal. Nigeria (100) and Saudi Arabia (192) are obviously strong contenders, and even plucky little Kazakhstan (63, offi-cially) and Iraq too modest to publish the figures, could

field strong teams. Considerations of style could hardly be ruled out. The Chinese have valuable experience in staging and presenta-tion that might stand them in good stead: perhaps the points awarded for expertise in mass rallies and public humiliation would make up for a certain monotony of method. When it comes to technique, few countries could rival Saudi Arabia Public beheading is a skill regrettably lost in countries with a less well developed sense of history but, with the Saudi tradition of generosity, no doubt coaching could be arranged and the nationally. The event would also give countries like Afghanistan, where public hangings continue to attract interested crowds, an opportunity to participate in what has been, till now, an event unfairly dominated by western sporting values. Properly handled, this could be a celebration of cultural diversity as well as common values.

RUE sporting ethics have nothing to do with sordid considerations of finance. But the Olympic Games are cripplingly expensive to stage and the revenues that such an event would

cling of organs, though the possibilities are hothy debated in Georgia. The People's Republic, with its lively pur-suit of the greater good, has refined execution technique to ensure that none of these valuable organs gets damaged in the rough and tumble of the execution ground. Prisoners whose corneas are slated for further service are carefully shot in the chest, organs are destined to bring hope to a lucky recipient receive a well-placed bullet in the head.

If all participating

commanding lead in terms of countries were so thoughiful numbers, though it might lose points on style and presenta- would be almost limitless.

Deaf ear to the world

As BBC chiefs prepare to uproot the World Service, Denis Healey deplores the demoralising indifference being shown to critics at home and listeners abroad

BBC's crown". I agree. For more than 50 years I have listened to the World Service Just after the war, when I was international secretary of the Labour Party, the repre-sentative of the Delai Lama, who had just been expelled from Tibet, came to see me. I was staggered to hear his first words: "Mr Healey, I am so glad to meet you — I listen to you every week on London

Ten years ago, when I was with Willie Whitelaw in Thi-lisi, we were told by members of the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party that they relied for their news on the World Ser-vice of the BBC. Since then both Nelson Mandela and Mikhail Gorbachev have said

the same. Yet, on June 10, John Birt, the BBC's director-general, announced that he was planning to separate the English programmes of the World Service from its foreign-language partners and turning it into a sort of Radio 6 in the Home Service. He had con-sulted neither the Foreign Office, which uses taxpayers' money to finance the World Service, nor any of the members of the World Service itself. Since then Sir Christopher

Bland has shown a smug in-difference to all his critics, who include the novelist PD James, a recent governor of the BBC, Mark Tully, the outstanding former BBC correspondent in Delhi, Terry Waite, Ben Okri, Archbishop Runcia, Admiral Woodward, Professor Fred Halliday and into your accounts and Pauline Neville-Jones — not can't rationalise out in pol-Pauline Neville-Jones — not

in detail. The Liberal Democrats have followed suit. On the Conservative side, opposition spreads from Baroness James, a Thatcherite, to Tim Renton, a prominent one-

nation Tory. In fact, every politician who knows from personal experience how invaluable the World Service has been in extending British influence all over the world is strongly opposed to the proposals.

If John Birt's new structure is imposed on the World Service, it will remove from Bush House all English news, current-affairs and general

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World Serv from corporate entities which will inevitably pay more attention to the many demands of other, better-funded, arms of the BBC, particularly do-mestic television.

In addition, the close ties between the English-language broadcasts and those of the 40 language services to be left on their own in Bush House will be severed. The language services have always depended on an intimate relationship with the English World Service. In turn, the quality of news judgments in Bush House has been crucially in-

editorial and broadcasting core and destroys the unity of a single international broadcasting entity which has no rival in the world.

It is particularly difficult to understand why Birt should have been allowed by the For-eign Office to take these deci-sions when the Board of Governors includes Lord Gordon Lennox as its representative and when both the Armed Forces and the Diplomatic Service are facing deep cuts. Surely this is a time when the value of the World Service is

For the heart of hearing

John Peel on 'lean machine' radio's lack of soul

quite clearly nonsense; and that's what I think when I read about the plans to reform the World Service. Just because these poli-cies work in other areas of the BBC, it doesn't neces-sarily mean they will work in the World Service. We risk ending up with "lean machine" radio that is a bit like the bionic man: rather heartless. With the World Service, you are dealing with intangibles like soul things you can't put down

I HAVE a friend who recently had a heart transplant. If you met him now, so healthy does he look, and indeed is, that you would think you need a heart transplant too. It's read about these reforms a heart transplant too. It's read about these reforms the research of the read about the reforms a recently nonsenses and feel entirely happy about feel entirely happy about centralisation, however it's presented; and what I have read about these reforms suggests to me that we are setting upon a potentially

dangerous path. I speak as a bloke who has been on the World Service double-decker bus which used to trek around eastern Europe bringing the good news about the service to recently liberated count-ries. We'd pull into little market towns in Bulgaria and considerable crowds would turn out to greet us.
Hundreds of photos of me
were handed out as a symbol of what the BBC was and whereas here they'd on the World Service and BBC

It would be depressing to rationalise away that degree of commitment from your audience. My own pro-gramme gets a tremendous response from its listeners, to receive postcards from people half-way up a moun-tain in a remote part of the world. All Pm doing is presenting a programme of noisy records—and if it has such an effect and makes people feel at home, how much more profound must

John Peel presents program to speak of John Tusa and icy documents. A sentiment | end up on the street, there | Radios 1 and 4

nouncing these fundamental changes. They have not at-tempted to explain how this new system will cut the cost of the World Service when it reduces the internal econo-mies of scale made possible by the relationship between the English and foreign-lan-guage programmes and adds a new layer of management to

Worst of all, although they attempt to justify their deci-sion by using abstract principles of management, they ignore the most fundamental principle of menagement by showing a total indifference to the feelings of the people concerned. The demoralisa-tion that was created in the home services by earlier changes introduced by John

the World Service.
Yet there is still time to have this decision changed.
Parliament was told last week by Sir Nicholas Bonsor, a minister at the Foreign Office, that these are only proposals and not a fait oc-compli. Moreover, the Foreign Office did not receive details of the proposals until a month after they were announced. Sir Nicholas assured the Foreign Office will now consult fully with the BBC to ensure that any changes do not reduce the efficiency and reputation of the World

I believe that all who are concerned with Britain's in-fluence in the world should now ensure that the Foreign Office and the BBC's Board of Governors are fully aware of their concern.

Lord Healey has broadcast regularly on the World Service

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Pandro Berman

The last great producer

H the death of I most of the executive team. has rolled on the story of those powerful producers who played a key role in Hollywood during the studios' golden age. Although not as distinctive a producer as David O Selznick (melodrama), Val Lewton (horror) or Arthur Freed (musicals), Berman was a shrewd judge of talent and quality, and left his mark on the prestigious films

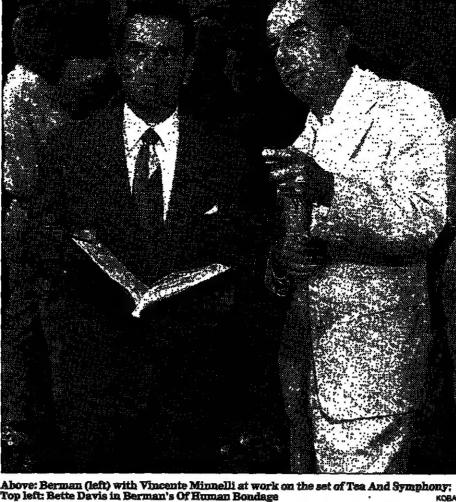
Dark-haired, podgy and af-fable, Pandro S Berman had celluloid in the blood. His father, Harry M Berman, was general manager of Universal and Pandro was still in his Hays Office decreed that a divteens when he began as an as-sistant director, becoming chief editor at RKO-Radio Studios when it started up in 1929. In 1931. Berman was given his first job as supervisor — as the producer was known then — on a spy picture called The Gay Diplomat.

but kept Berman on, recognis-ing his ability to get things done quickly and smoothly. Berman proved this on his first assignment for Selznick. Symphony of Six Million (1932), a Fanny Hurst weepie starring Irene Dunne, and Of Human Bondage, with Bette Davis's first key role as the sluttish cockney waitress in the earliest version of Somerset Maugham's novel.

But it was as producer on seven of the nine black-andwhite Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers RKO musicals that his name will always be associorce should never be gay, Ber-man had to change the title to The Gay Divorces (1934). The film set the tone for these comedies of errors whose naive plots and dialogue clashed with the sophisticated cosmopolitan settings of luxurious art deco hotels, palatial ocean

which the magnificent counte glided. But, according to Ber-man, 'Most of my efforts were devoted to getting Fred to work with Ginger in The Gay Divorces and to getting him to work with her again in Roberta and that went on throughout the whole series." Berman always remained faithful to those in his own team, repeatedly working with directors George Stevens, George Cukor, Vincente

Minnelli and Richard Brooks To Berman's credit, he stuck with Katharine Hepburn even when she was considered boxoffice poison, though he be-lieved that "she almost invariably chose the wrong vehicles such as Sylvia Scarlett (1936) in which she spent most of the film disguised as a boy. He later mistakenly called it "by far the worst picture I ever made and the greatest catastrophe of Kate's 1930s career." He added that Cukor and Hepburn had "conned me into it. I tried to stop them, but they wouldn't be stopped." Yet | but nine years later he was Berman was head of the studio at the time, and could



Above: Berman (left) with Vincente Minnelli at work on the set of Tea And Symphony;

After almost a decade at RKO; he left following a clash with George Schaefer, the president, who was not content to leave the running of the company to Berman, Ironically, Berman left in 1940 just es the studio's output was showing an improvement, and son Welles his first chance on Citizen Kane.

At MGM Berman kicked off with Ziegfeld Girl (1941). Al-though he had sworn never to work with Hepburn again Berman came to her with the script of the adaptation of Pearl Buck's *Drogon Seed*, which was made for \$3 million on location in the San Fernando valley, where an entire Chinese peasant village was constructed on a 120-acre tract of land. In 1935, when he was head of production at RKO, Berman had bought the rights of National Veloet as a vehicle for Hepburn. It fell through,

see Berman. The producer judged the young girl too short and fragile for the de-manding part of the would-be jockey. But three months later, after rigid training from her mother, Elizabeth was able to change Berman's mind. (Future politician Shir-ley Williams was one of the unsuccessful candidates.) Berman went on to produce a number of other films featur-ing Elizabeth Taylor, includ-ing Father of The Brids (1980).

8 (1960). Berman was also responsible for giving MGM a tougher image with The Blackboard Jungle (1955), which had a rock 'h' roll soundtrack from Bill Haley and the Comets. Other big pictures he oversaw were Knights of the Round Table (1958), MGM's first CinemaScope feature; Bhowani Junc-tion (1956) and The Brothers

When Berman acquired the

have stopped any project in project and brought her 11 sial plays Robert Anderson's which he had little faith. | year-old daughter Elizabeth to | Tea and Sympathy (1956) and Tennessee Williams's Sweet Bird of Youth (1962), he vowed that, desite the censorship problems, he would be true to the originals. However, in the former, the production code forced him to replace the words "homosexual" and "queer" by "sister boy", and to leave the audience in no doubt as to the hero's heterosexual credentials. In the lat-ter, Paul Newman's stud is beaten up rather than cas-trated as at the end of the play. Pandro S Berman, who was married twice and had three children, retired from the movie industry in 1970. At the

1977 Oscar ceremony, it was fitting that he received the Irving Thalberg Award, set up to honour "the most consis-tent high level of production producer.

Language of romance

whole life in one single aspect, then John Boon, who has died aged 79, was defined by his role as managing director, and later chahrman, of the romantic fiction pub-lishers Mills & Boon. The irony is, John never wanted to join the firm founded by his father and Gerald Mills.

After a history double first from Trinity College Cambridge, he struggled through a year at Mills & Boon before his distinguished wartine army service. From 1945 to 1946 be worked in the historical section of the war cabinet, but with a wife and child to support, he couldn't delay the inevitable. More interested in military history, thrillers and management manuals than love stories, and never sentimental about romance, he was nonetheless highly successful at turning happy endings into

nprecedented profits. Gerald Mills and John's father Charles had set up the company before the first world war but it was in the 1930s, after Mills's death, that the firm had begun specialis-ing in hardcover romance. When John Boon and his brother Alan took over the

running of the company in the late 1940s, they were faced with the disappearance of their main market. Commercial libraries were dwindling. profits to start a paperback operation. It was John who found a new market by selling the rights to some of the romance novels Alan was producing to a small Canadian paperback house, Harlequin. When these editions took off, John decided to start buying back 4,000 run-ons each month to test the British paperback waters. The experiment was so successful that Mills &

In the ensuing decade, Mills & Boon grew quickly, John kept his editorial opinions to himself, but made sure that with widespread trade sup-port and careful financial planning. In 1971, Harlequin proposed a merger of the two companies, and John's decision to proceed was a measure of the foresight that has since been validated by Harlequin's

back house in the mid-1960s.

book trade in south-east Asia on the Council's behalf. Other From 1978 until his death, he was chairman of Harlequin Overseas. John always 1996.

FIT is possible to sum up a | remained accessible, never took himself or his products too seriously, but he also never lost sight of the value of the books he published. He was proud of his company's ability to satisfy readers' need for entertainment, and passionate about the role of any book in the reading habit. pethan's lot

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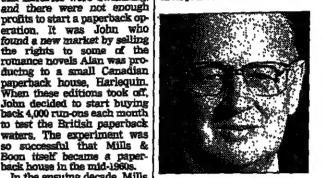
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Although they have certainly evolved, the books' heroes are still strong, forceful and very good at what they do. So was John Boon. Sometimes impatient, he was always fair. Often demanding, he was also the first to recognise and reward achievement. Being invited to join John for tea at the Dorchester or lunch at the Ritz was by no means a common occurrence, but certainly morable one.

Confident of his own abilities, he was never threatened by talent in others, but wel-comed it. And he was fiercely loyal, if he thought it was nec-essary, he would fight for colleagues or employees as if they were members of his own

John Boon may have shaped the company's destiny but there's no question Mills & Boon in turn, shaped his life. Alan Boon was not just his brother, but also the dedicated partner with whom he worked in perfect harmony for more than 50 years. Two of his children joined the business for a



Boon . . . 50 years perfect harmony with his brother

number of years. And staff at every level showed their affec-tion and loyalty by referring to him almost exclusively as "Mr John". He is survived by his wife Felicity, whom he married in 1943 and four sons. John Boon would have been the first to point out that no one is indispensable, but in remendous growth

John Boon worked closely
with the British Council, and
in 1964, surveyed the British
irreplaceable.

Brian E Hickey

John Boon, publisher, born December 21 1916; died July 12

Christopher Casson

Actor and offstage wit

never quite a star, but his status as a top-drawer character actor ensured that he was seldom out of work, and he became familiar to every Irish television viewer in the 1970s when he joined the long-running rural scap opera The Riordans, the series that first brought Gabriel Byrne to prominence.

part of 60 years. Tall and spin-dly, with twinkling eyes and the firm mouth and jawline in-herited from his formidable mother, Dame Sybil Thorn-dike — his father was Sir Lewis Casson — he made his stage debut at the Old Vic in 1915 at the age of three.

After spending the thirties thirties, and this may have intouring the world with varifluenced his decision to ous companies, he settled in Ireland in 1938. Something of the traditional "actor laddie" type, offstage Casson was cherished for his erudition and wit, he had a fund of stories from Irish folklore, and his tales of backstage goings-on left listeners rocking with laughter. He was a noted harp-player and singer of Irish ballads, too, and if

CTOR Christopher the saying goes — "more Irish caseon, who has died than the Irish" he was hardly in Dublin aged 84, was alone in theatrical circles; his mentor Micheal Mac-Liammoir, actor/manager of Dublin's Gate Theatre, was in reality an Englishman named Alfred Wilmore.

Casson remembered lunches with George Bernard Shaw who wrote St Joan for his mother, and after his move to Ireland, he numbered the poet Patrick Kavanagh and the playwright Brendan Casson was a highly-popular — beloved even — part of Irish thearical life for the best acquaintances. In his last years, his recollections of such notables made riveting enter-tainment on Irish radio.

Casson was born in Manchester, and wanderlust drove him first to join the navy and then tour the world as an actor. He was a member of the Peace Piedge Union in the late remain in neutral Ireland dur-ing the war. He became a devout Roman Catholic, and for some time taught elocution at

a Dublin seminary. When he married set de-signer Kay O'Connell in 1941 MacLiammoir was his best man, and a few years later wrote of him "Christopher, being born under a star that sees the slow ripening of the over the years he became - as apple, the lucky ripening of



Man of any cloth . . . Casson in a BBC Playhouse role

ever after." And so he did, his sense of humour keeping him afloat through sad times, and his utter reliability keeping him professionally in demand. He moved to Longford Produc-tions in 1946 and left in 1950 to freelance. The many films in which he played important character roles include Captain Lightfoot, Shake Hands With the Devil — with James Cagney — and this year's Frankie Starlight. His last stage appearance was just over a year ago in Pride and

Prejudice at the Gate.
Within the profession was given the old-fashioned but not inappropriate title "The First Gentleman of the Irish Stage." He is survived by his two daughters, Glynis and Bronwen.

Stephen Dixon

Christopher Casson, actor, born January 20, 1912; died July 9,

Eladio Rusconi

Learned populist

died aged 79, instead made, first a career and then a for-tune out of supplying the Ital-ian public with the journalis-its style now most familiar in drab and destitute southern

For the left, he came to be seen as a renegade; a man who gave up on his ideals to be-come rich by peddling the most insidious sort of popular culture. Yet on the right he was respected both as some-one who could see that, having been an anti-fascist, he did not need to become a pro-complayer in defying the left-wing political correctness that held sway in post-1968 Italy. Rusconi was a polymath of a sort they do not seem to make any longer. At different times he was a journalist, novelist, literary critic, businessman, publisher, producer of inter-nationally acclaimed films and commercial television

Born in Milan, Rusconi graduated from the city's Catholic University in 1940 and involved himself with literary periodicals like Frontespizio, Prospettive and Curzio Malaparte's Lettere d'oggi. He was deported to Germany in 1944, made an adventurous escape, and returned to his native city in time for his to be
one of the first voices to be
beard on Free Radio Milan at

Burt Lancaster and Silvana
Mangano. Rusconi's career as
a producer encompassed three
beard on Free Radio Milan at

other films including one by

wrote numerous reviews. But within months of the peace, he Europe of the late forties. Rusconi realised that Italy, where fascism had been defeated, remained almost as socially conservative as Spain, where it had survived. Thus his reaction to the 1946 referendum which removed the monarchy was to give his readers a weekly diet of news about

royal exiles.
Oggi became Italy's first million-selling publication and gave Rusconi the confidence to found his own rival magazine, Gente, in 1957. The Rusconi empire, today em-braces 20 titles, including the highly successful Eva Express, whose stock-in-trade is compromising, usually nude, photographs of the rich and famous taken by paparazzi.
The group's book- publishing arm carved itself a niche with works by then unfashion-

able authors like Augusto del cinema began when he met Luchino Visconti and they decided to make Conversation Piece, the 1975 film starring

EEMINGLY cut out the time of the Liberation. Roberto Rossellini. From for life as a progres. After the war, he published there, he leapt into television, sive intellectual. Ela- four novels and over the years aiming, at much the same aiming at much the same time as Silvio Berlusconi, to break the Italian public broad casting system's national monopoly. Rusconi eventually knitted together local stations into the semblance of a net-work which had become the 20-station Italia Uno by the time he sold out to Berlusconi. Italia Uno was synonymous with the tackiest television entertainment. But given that control of the RAI was divided up between the main parties. Rusconi's TV enterprises like Berlusconi's — were pro-foundly subversive of the ex-

John Hooper

Eladio Rusconi, writer, publisher ber 11, 1916; died July 10, 1996.



Birthdays

36; Hartley Booth, Conservative MP, 50; Tim Brooke-Taylor, actor, 56; Diahann Carroll, actress and singer, 61; Sir Alan Cottrell, metallurgist, 77: Phyllis Diller, comedienne and concert pia-nist, 79; Patrick Egan, chairman, Fisons, 66; Bill Etherington, Labour MP, 55; Ray Galton, scriptwriter, 66; Baroness Gardner, dentist, chairman, Royal Free Hospi-tal Trust, 69; Eric Hammond, former leader, EETPU, 67; Peter Hardy, Labour MP, 66; Sir William Henderson. microbiologist, 83; Lord Lane, former Lord Chief Jus-tice, 78; The Rt Rev David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, 66; John Patten MP, former Conservative minister, 51; Elizabeth Quinn, actress, 48; Dr Marjorie Reeves, historian, 91; Andrew Ro-bathan, Conservative MP, 45; Juan Samaranch, president, International Olympic Committee, 76; Peter Sissons, broadcaster, 54; Wayne Sleep, dancer and choreographer, 48; Sir Kenneth Stowe, chairman, inquiry into the

Sir Hardy Amies, couturier, | impact of the third age, 68; 87; Kim Barnett, cricketer, | Donald Sutherland, actor 62; Bob Taylor, cricketer, 55; Kenneth Wolstenholme, sports commentator,

Death Notices

The Guardian apologises for the error which appeared in yesterday's notice. CAPIZZ3-TAYLOR, Sarah Esta. Aged 15 on the 11th of July. The most specianular and beloved daughter and alater of Elaine Capizz), John Taylor, and Elissa. Futeral IZ-30pm Friday 18th of July in the Chapel al Richmond Cemetery. All enquiries and flowers to Andrew Holmes & Son, Futeral Directors, 378 Richmond Road, East Twick-enhant TWI 2DX. Tel: 01th 744 1125. FUNNING Paul, Died 11th July 1996 with friends and ismity close by Greatiy missed Futeral Golden Green Crematorum, Friday 19th July 12:30pm For Iurhar 13:30

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Deep dig

I KNOW exactly what happens when you dig a person with a knife. I mean I know reactions. We used to take 'em from the back, if possible. You might be well behind enemy lines, so he don't even know if you're there. All you've got is the art of surprise. If you lose that, the "chop" comes in the motions as if firing a machine gum). So you've got to be very careful. You've got to know what you're doing or you won't come out of it — you approach a bloke that doesn't know you're around, and he's a poor bloody sentry, y know thinking, "Ah fuck this." He's miles away from the bang, bang. Suddenly something snaps out behind, pulls the

head back and "Woomf,

woomf, woomff" -- you're punching a dirty rotten knife up into here, through here. And then you let him go, you see. You've got him shut up so as he's not screaming and yell-

ing. And that's it! There were plenty of different knives. The Americans had a good knife. It was like a knuckle duster with a blade coming out the top. You see, with a pormal knife, you're doing this (motions with his hand). Not me. That (different motion) is better. Punching it and it goes in. You do that 'cos that was what was required of

right you see, that's another thing you try to explain to people - there is no such thing as a brave person. We would just do a job. Jack Garcon, ex Royal Marine Commando, telling his knife experlences to James Rodnell in

you. It's not good. It's not

Extract magazine Top lows

ACCORDING to a study by the Link up Group, top bosses feel miserable and unloved at work and, as they climb the managerial tree, they feel in-

creasingly isolated from others in the workplace. We asked bosses whether they be lieved staff liked them and if they showed their affection by making coffee, asking about outside interests and prob-lems, and saying goodbye at the end of the day. The most loved bosses it

seems are in Utilities or Gov-

ernment departments, whilst the most disliked worked in retail, travel or transport. But don't women take these small courtesies for granted? Apparently so. The most loved bosses are middle managers and more likely to have predominantly female staffmembers - irrespective of the boss's gender — and to supervise people who are younger than themselves. The most unloved bosses are directors supervising predominantly men who are older than themselves. Unhappy times for those at the top, reported by Anna Tebbet in Executive Woman.

Help at hand NYMPHOMANIACS?

that is, but in practice, they start to cause problems -- like the most sturdy guy can suffer from over exertion: humans are not designed to do it seven times in a night, every night, otherwise, instead of going to work, we'd be hopping around fields all day chewing grass and looking cute. So here's the solution to erection protection — the After Sex Willy Repair Kit: for the man



They're great. Great in theory | EW . . . unloved bosses

who works hard, plays hard and stays hard, apparently. including willy wipes (highly absorbent), a plaster for scratches, lovebites, bondage rope burns, etc, and the essential penis lipstick remover. The kit's makers also recommend a three-step guide to heaven: 1) a cold shower, 2) a quick massage. and 3) a rub down with a rough flannel. And if after treatment the patient still appears dead — administer the kiss of life. No excuses now boys, first aid at hand in Sky magazine.

Street dealers LET ME tell you something

about the ice cream business - it's a huge scam. It's struc-turally identical to the crack trade, as far as I can tell, except it's legal. This is how it works: Some smart johnny with a little extra cash goes out and picks up five or so of those little weird Cushman trucks. He paints them white, mounts some coolers on them, and gets a connection with the sort of ice cream novelty wholesaler who traf-

fics in lumps of green ice in the shape of a turtle's head. Because these are made out of nothing but toxic waste and water, he can buy them for something like four dollars per long con. Then he builds a stable of street-level dealers. who buy the product and for about three times what he paid for it. He assigns each dealer to a piece of turf. The dealer then goes out and pushes the product on schoolkids, who, like drug addicts, have zero sales resistance to the product — the only limit to the amount they'll buy is the amount of money they can beg, borrow or steal. The street dealer takes a a cut of the incredibly marked-up street value.

Marty Smith in Willamette Week giving a new viewpoint on ice-cream selling. Reprinted in the Utne Reader.

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Governor warns Tories that poor state of public finances could prevent rate cuts and tax hand-outs | Notebook

Election bonanza at risk

Richard Thomas and Michael White

HE Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, yes-terday issued a terday issued a sharp warning to the Government that the poor state of the public finances (53.7 billion into the red in could scupper its hopes of pre-election interest rate cuts or tations of £3 billion.

tax giveaways.

Cautioning that any budget tax cuts would have to be met by expenditure anything that the said. by expenditure savings, the Governor said that a widening budget deficit — com-bined with a strong pick-up in 4 per cent growth in con-consumer spending — could sumer spending next year

Stock markets

tremors cross

Mark Tran in New York

shudder as

the Atlantic

RESH turmoil is ex-

stock market today, after a roller-coaster session

of Wall Street trading saw the

Dow Jones plunge by as much as 166 points — before recov-

ering most of these losses in a 15-minute burst of buying. Earlier. more than

£11 billion was wiped off

share values in London as the FTSE-100 index - of leading

shares suffered its heaviest one-day fall for over two years, crashing more than 85

points before reviving to fin-

Stock markets around the

- its lowest level this year.

world shuddered as Monday

night's heavy sell-off on Wall

Street was echoed in Tokyo,

Hong Kong, London and other

York where trading was at its most volatile, with the Dow

However, it was in New

European bourses.

FTSE 100

mean that monetary policy would need to be tightened,"

he said. Mr George told the all-party

Mr George said that the forecast by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, of more than

when the Dow hit a loss of 166

points, it was the cue for ber-

gain hunters to step into the

market in a spate of "bottom fishing".

In London, the worse-than-

expected PSBR figures helped to pile on the gloom left over from Monday's falls on Wall

Street, although most analysts said the crash was

largely down to events across the Atlantic. "This is all

about America," said one trader. "People are worried that US stocks are over-

bought, that interest rates are heading higher, and that earnings growth is slowing."

in Tokyo, where the Nikksi 225 Index lost 347 points to finish at 21,406; and in Hong Kong, where the Hang Seng

index finished 172 points

Markets are expected to

continue in their present

umpy state until Alan Green-

span, chairman of the Federal

Reserve. America's central

bank, gives a crucial address to the Senate Banking Com-

mittee tomorrow.

As stock market jitters hit

London with a vengeance, City analysts confidently pre-dicted further setbacks over

the next week, despite the FTSE's late rally last night.

don likely to come under fur-

ther pressure today, Alison Southey, an equity strategist

at the Japanese banking house Nomura, said the mar-

ket was in for "a rough ride".

Ms Southey said that while some analysts believe UK share prices should be relatively isolated from the fall-

With share prices in Lon-

lower at 10 627.

fuel inflation and force up in-brest rates.

"At some point [this] would to be sustainable in the long run, and that infla-tion would be "somewhat get, promised at the last mean that monetary policy stronger" than the Treasury forecast of 2.25 per cent for

> City analysts echoed the governor's fears. Some economists said that the size of the shortfall in national debt accumulated June combined with a since 1692 in this country had 5300 million upwards revision to May's figure in June cast doubt over forecasts of a £27 billion borrowing requirement for this financial year made by Mr Clarke last

Borrowing now cost "every family £1,000 a year in tax," the Labour leader said. The Liberal Democrats claimed that more than half the been incurred since 1991.

Figures published jointly by the Office for National Statistics and the Treasury showed that in the first three months of this financial year, In a Commons debate on the economy, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown seized on the receipts, compared with

ping out the revenue from privatisation, the cumulative fied optimism. deficit was £12 billion higher than £11.3 billion at the same stage last year.

The Government's Economic Secretary, Angela Knight, said the June public sector borrowing requirement had been affected by the bunching of interest rate pay-ments on new gilt sales, but market analysts said this had been matched by stronger VAT receipts.

"We are confident of hitting the £27 billion PSBR in 1996-97 set out in the summer eco-The Shadow Chief Secre-

| £11.3 billion in 1995-96. Strip-| ping out the revenue from pri-| Smith, accused her of unjusti-

"It is alarming that the underlying trend of public borrowing — that is exclud-ing privatisation receipts is still worse than last year's dismal performance," he said. Although tax revenues were still sluggish, City com-mentators said the main threat to borrowing would come from upward pressure on public spending as the

election approached. Between April and June, Whitehall spending ran £2.2 billion over Treasury forecasts, the official data

London learns to go it alone



Edited by Patrick Donovan

the mood of the market that traders have spotted that this morning is the 55th day since the Dow Jones index began its seemingly unstoppa-

For those of a superstitious bent, this is a hugely inauspi-cious date, as it took exactly 55 days between a market peak and the calamitous Wall Street crashes of 1929 and 1987. Certainly, the omens do not look good for US inves-tors, as the Dow Jones continued its extraordinary per-

formance yesterday.

Back in London, the FTSE is in the process of a major correction rather than slip-ping into a full-scale bear market.

London may traditionally rise and fall in time with Wall

Street. But after a second day of turbulent trading, there are signs that the FTNE will es-cape being swallowed into the slipstream of its Dow Jones counterpart. After a sharp early fall, the FTSE seemed to reach a natural bottom. Al-though shares were down nearly 90 points early in the day, they recovered some losses to close 66 points lower

This partial "decoupling" from Wall Street is further underlined by signs that the market is being driven, at least partly, by domestic considerations. Leading strategists as that Wall Street aside, there is clear evidence that the FTSE's fall was to some extent precipitated by the damaging effect of remarks by Bank of England Governor Eddie George and the announcement of gloomy public sector borrowing

These hit the gilts market badly, a factor which had a corresponding knock-on ef

fact on leading equities.

The first worry is government spending. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, may have frequently warned that there is precious little scope for tax cuts. But few were prepared for the June PSBR fig-ure of £3.649 billion, signifi-cantly larger than expected, which seems to rule out any kind of pre-election spending

Secondly, remarks by Mr George before a Commons select committee spread fur-ther jitters about the economy — particularly his fears that the Government would be able to meet its inflation

uncertainty, however, it is clear that there will be a period of retrenchment. Uncertainty has already forced the postponement of flotations such as that of the

Monsoon clothes chain.

issues or new floats — will be put on hold until the end of

Left behind

N HIS anxiety to show that New Labour has embraced dynamic, global capitalism, Tony Blair may not have no-ticed the leftward drift of the organisations which led the 1980s free-market revolution,

Already, the previously bone-dry World Bank has em-braced trade unions and urged redistrubution to the world's poorest nations. Yes-terday the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development — once the bas-tion of market freedoms — took its own step away from Thatcherite orthodoxid

In its Employment Outlook, the OECD warns that growing earnings inequality threaten the societies of industrialised societies and that contrary to right-wing claims, the grow-ing gap between rich and poor is not being offset by greater upwards mobility. But the real suprise came

in OECD's suggested remedies. Cutting benefits — the preferred option of the Tory right — would simply deepen the fractures of Western com-

The solution, then, is to make work pay. And on top of reforms to the benefit system the Paris think-tank suggests one way to do this is imposing a minimum wage on employers. The report says there is no clear evidence that such a wage floor costs jobe.

It is shame that, just as support for a minimum wage builds in the unlikelisst of

corners, the Labour leadership looks so embarrassed by its own commitment to a national wage floor.

The first mention of the pol icy appears on page 14 of the Road to the Manifesto, and the minimum wage does not feature among the party's five

. A fast track for young of-fenders — which was on the list — is all very laudable, but is it really seen by Mr Blair as more radical than a decent wage for all?

BAA takes off

BAA's Sir John Egan is pushing his luck. Al-though the Civil Avistion Authority yesterday an-nounced a far less Draconian price review than many were expecting, Sir John now wants a better deal.

As a privatised utility, BAA's user charge prices for its airports at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted are set by the CAA. The outcome of the CAA study has been eagerly awaited, as income from these airports contribute to 35 per cent of its group revenues. But although far Whatever the outcome of stricter curbs were expected, the current bout of market the CAA is allowing the company a formula ensuring that

it makes a 7.5 per cent return on assets.

If Sir John does not think that this is a generous deal he should look no further than his own shares. Soaring 15p to 498p, BAA was about the Whatever happens on this to 493p, BAA was about the "55th day", it seems inevitable that any major transactions of the second of

Biotech rights issue flops | Wage gap a threat to

HE end of the boom in biotechnology stocks will be formally signalled later today when the £143 million rights issue for British Biotech, the sector leader, officially Last night British Bio-

tech shares closed down 10p at 2030p, against the rights price of 2050p.

This means that British Biotech's underwriter,

Kleinwort Benson - along with other City institutions that agreed to "subunderwrite" the issue — is likely to be left with milcould end up with the lions of pounds worth of rump of the stake, and

Nuclear float

A spokeswoman said: "Of we will be able to do everything we want to with the money we are getting, and everything is still on

track." Analysts said last night, however, that since the market had snubbed the cash call a cloud would hang over the entire blotech sector.

One said: "Kleinwort

shares. However, British there will clearly be a Biotech insisted that be stock overhang in the mar-cause the issue had been ket. With British Biotech fully underwritten, it being the sector leader, would receive the full this will clearly affect everything else."

A spokeswoman said: "Of Although the disappoint.

out in New York — with Brit-ish shares having failed to match the astonishing specu-

lative boom in US equities over the last 18 months — the

cocktail of fears over interest

course we are a bit disaping response to British Rio pointed that the share tech's rights issue has been price has not held up, but the main contributor to the sector's woes, there have been other pointers.

Shares were rattled las week when Cambrio, a Cambridge-based biotech company, was forced to postpone its flotation. Earlier this week, Thera-peutic Antibodies said it would raise only £22 mil-

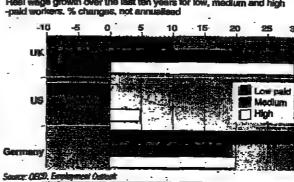
hon in its flotation next week, against the £30 mil-lion it had been aiming for-

Richard Thomas HE Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development de-parted from its typically free-

Minimum wages, strong trade unions and generous welfare benefits help to de end the social fabric of indus trialised nations against the corrosive impact of growing wage inequality, the OECD

number of OECD countries is that labour market exclusion can easily turn into poverty and dependency," the annual Employment Outlook warned. "Some countries also confront worrying inequalities which are straining the social

fabric." The report says that the widening gulf between work-ers — which has been particularly marked in the United States and in Britain - has not been matched by an increase in upward mobility for Real wage growth over the last ten years for low, medium and high



British firms present the top takeover targets for predators

Pauline Springett

BRITISH companies are the most sought after takeover targets in Burope, according to KPMG. The accountancy firm says the value of Brit-ish businesses acquired by overseas companies rose by 31 per cent to more than £12 billion in the first half of the year.

Business services compa-nies were the most popular, followed by those in the oil and gas sector.
Richard Agutter, bead of

Richard Agutter, head of KFMG's corporate finance operation, said that this ac-tivity was taking place de-spite election uncertainty and the possibility that Britain might refuse to par-ticipate in any single Euroean currency. France attracted inward

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Australia 1,8950 Prance 7.70

Beiglum 46.90 Canada 2.08 Cyprus 0.7030 Dehmark 8.83

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\$3.65 billion in the first half, 50 per cent down on the same period last year. Germany was the next most popular target, with in-

popular target, with in-ward investment of \$2.10 billion, 10 per cent less than in 1995.

The buying spree in the UK was led by American firms, with \$9.24 billion worth of acquisitions, fol-lowed by firms from Den-mark, Norway and Ireland. mark, Norway and Ireland. KPMG said that French and German companieshad sharply cut back their new activity in Britain.

At the same time, the takeover activity has been two-way — with British companies buying more than £10 billion worth of overseas businesses in the first six months, which is 26 per cent up on last year, and the largest outward investment by any European

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Saudi Arabis 5.79 USA 1.5190

share price go critical

group sees

APLESS small investors in British Energy yester-day suffered further losses on their holdings in the newly privatised nuclear company as the shares continued to collapse, writes Simon Beavis. In the second day of trading in British Energy shares, the price slipped back to 91p — down a further 3p having

stalment price of 100p a share. of trading of \$27 on a mini- lems until after they had about faulty reactors.

mum allocation of 300 shares. Yesterday's losses were compounded by volatile market conditions. But analysts believe British Energy's fun-damental weakness has been the most significant reason, for the early failure of the float, setting it apart from all previous sell-offs including the 1987 sale of BP, which caught the full force of a stock market crash.

The City believes the nuclear company's outlook is highly uncertain because its profits and ability to fund dividends are crucially dependent on electricity prices and the performance of its

dropped as far as 87.5p.

This left more than 600,000 in the run up to Monday's small shareholders, who are paying a discounted first in the reactors had been taken out of action with faults. nursing cumulative paper | Small shareholders were not losses over the first two days | told about the technical prob-



last night described the sale as a "shambles". Energy spokesman John Battle alleged the Government had withheld vital information

society, says OECD

rection since the stock mar-

disappointing profits news.
There was some comfort for

isation and collective bargaining, high minimum wages and generous welfare benefits," according to Em-

The report also says that minimum wages do not ap-pear to cause job losses

among the most affected

groups — women, young people and the unskilled.

Opposition MPs selved on the report as a vindication of Labour's agenda. Michael

Meacher, shadow employ-ment spokesman, said: "This

report shows how growing in-equality of earnings in the UK

and long-term exclusion."

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oloyment Outlook.

Minimum wage and strong unions said to be needed, says

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earnings growth and political worries in the UK would keep

equity prices under pressure. But Ian Williams, equity strategist at the broker Pan-

mure Gordon, said he ex-pected some tentative buying.

Watching brief . . . London traders look on as share prices plummet

market line yesterday, warn-ing that the soaring gap between high-paid and low-wage workers in many Westmarginalise workers and put additional strain on govern-

"The risk now facing

But countries with wag floors and healthy benefit But the Government pointed to the OECD's fore-Wage inequality grows . . .

The catalyst for the fall in US investors in the latest eco-US share prices, which is now nomic data. Consumer prices regarded as the biggest cor-overall edged up just 0.1 per

rection since the stock may cent in June. The White ket crash of 1987, has been House also projected an unex-

Employment minister Eric Forth said: "The best way of

reducing poverty is to get

people into jobs and the economy to be successful . . . Real

earnings have grown for

everyone since 1979, although we accept that the distribu-tion has widened."

• The number of people out of work is twice the level sug

gested by official unemploy

ment figures, the Employment Policy Institute said

vesterday.

According to the Institute'

new "Employment Audit" — which will monitor trends in

the labour market — 4.2 mil

lion men and women who

out of a job, compared to the

Sherwe Arse

Railtrack is begged for a lift to east coast line

SCALATORS and lifts on every big railway station between Newcastle and London King's Cross have been

The company, which is now running the east coast main running the east coast main line between Scotland and London, said yesterday that every GNER cark park be tween Newcastle and London was full during weekdays and must be doubled in size by putting on a second level.

James Sherwood, president of Sea Containers. GNER's parent company, told a rail privatisation conference that the company awaited Rail-

It was prepared to pay for the investment itself, pro-vided GNER was allowed to keep all related revenue, and Railtrack refunded any depreciation of company assets after seven years if it lost its franchise to operate the line. Mr Sherwood said he needed more and longer

overcrowding if new rolling stock was not ordered for the line. In 1994-95, the line increased passenger carryings by 600,000 to 11 million, and Mr Sherwood forecast a further increase of 600,000 in the current year. Mr Sherwood said that the

company could reintroduce a the newly privatised Great North Eastern Railway to endestinations, orginally scrapped by British Rail behoped to start an experiment 'leaving London early in the morning to Inverness and returning late at night". GNER is talking through the idea with Railtrack. Mr Sherwood said that the com-

pany was examining a ser-vice, similar to the one through the Channel tunnel. The Government vesterday announced a move which could bring an end to cut price ferries when Ian Lang, the trade and industry secre tary, abandoned undertakings preventing the rational isation of cross-Channel ferry operations. The effect is likely to be felt soon as the companies search for new partners, Lord Sterling, the P&O chair-man, said that even with strong market growth there was too much capacity, and



Hats off... Charles Brine (left), chairman and chief executive of Formal Group, yesterday celebrated the company's £12.5 million stock market flotation with Jeff Banks who designs for the group. It includes Youngs formal wear, Pronuptia, Cupid and the Blakes chain, acquired as part of the flotation. Blakes directors Neville and Paul Kaye have joined the Formal board. Formal was created in January to acquire Langside Hire, the UK's largest formal menswear hire wholesaler

Postman's dead letter day

Hope for Knight Williams losers

OMPENSATION finally in sight for the hundreds of elderly investors who claim they were given negligent financial advice by the now-defunct

Knight Williams. The Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS), the financial regulators' final safety net for investors, vesterday announced that it is stepping in to handle compensation claims - which could total 220 million — against the company, once Britain's largest firm of retirement finan-

cial advisers. The company went into voluntary liquidation last August after the Securities and Investments Board estimated that the total compensation due to the first 152 complaints would total almost 23 million — a figure which the company vigorously

Spokesman David Cress-

well said the ICS had decided to intervene as there was lit-tle prospect that Arthur Anderson, liquidators to both Knight Williams & Company Limited and Knight Williams Administration Limited, would be able to reach an early decision on compensation.

This is partly because of the tangled structure of the Knight Williams empire, some subsidiaries of which are still trading, but more importantly the total number of claims is still unknown. Until recently the number of claims. lodged was between 400 and 500, but in recent months it has risen to more than 900.

Yesterday the ICS said it hoped to start paying compensation this autumn.
The maximum compensa-

tion which can be paid by the ICS to each successful claim ant is £48,000. In theory this sation of \$43.2 million, but in practice the total paid out is expected to be less than half

WORKFACE/On the eve of third 24-hour (doze on way to work. Other) "team leaders", a move calcu- general public. Our office | ries are so common that I strike, a Royal Mail employee in the North of England argues against 'team working'

clock beeps. Get up, wash, put kettle on. I know what I have to do to get to the bus at 5.15. Strikes are to resume soon, which increases the pressure. But I'm looking forward to having a day off from my usual six-day week of around 30 hours flat-out with no meal break.

Wednesday is often a heavy day with lots of mail - a challenge I view with mixed feelings. Twice the mail means twice the sorting and there are limits to how much more quickly any human hands, syes and brain can sort.

More mail each day also means delivering to more addresses and I walk further than my predecessors in about the same time. I don't know how quickly posties 5.15am. Catch bus. Half has already selected their

HE 4.30 am alarm iravelled to their walks 15 clock beeps. Get up, years ago, but I catch the wash, put kettle on. Royal Mail minibus or a public bus, usually having to wait for either. I could save 10-20 minutes if I had a vehicle

I won't finish on time today which means I'll be paid overtime, albeit at the standard rate, but my line manager will ask why and won't want to be told that there was "excass mail". He started as a postie and knows the score. Royal Mail expects continuous improvements in quality and accuracy - more work for as little money as possible.

The time allowed for my and mail has grown by over a half since then. My walk includes some houses with rich

targets for voluminous junk

posties on the bus agree that the so called "Employee Agenda" is a rip off. Everyone wants to see the full-time basic rise to the proposed £211 at least 40 years' overdue and still only a promise. Within a few years the service may be privatised or

etter delivery opened up to compe-tition, with cowboys paying kids a pittance. Most of the milkmen I see at 5am have a cou-

tants, occasionally recipe for more intensive exploitation of a workforce already stretched to its limit. Our office's management

leave we shan't be "empowered", we shall be driven into the ground and there will be friction over which postman/ "flats" Within a few years the service may

lated to divide the workforce

to get even more than a quart

into the plut pot. If each team is responsible for arranging

cover for sick and holiday

be opened up to competition, with cowboys paying kids a pittance... so-called 'team working' is a recipe for more intensive exploitation of a workforce stretched to its limit

so-called "team working" is a | with their children, or who is compalled to cover for absen-

> The strikes called by the CWU national executive are our way of saying "no" in advance, whatever their function in the executive's strat-

5.30am. Arrive at sorting office. Collect mail from primary sorting and take this to skip near the benches where posties will sort it into the into sections — usually parts of a street, using benches and one featured on the TV news read faxed sheet deriding the union's strike call. Coffee gets cold while I sort as quickly and accurately as I can.
A lot of the mail consists of

mostly A4-sized envelopes. Fifteen years ago, few people received many letters and

> replaced by A4. An over-crowded, ancient building with inadequate ventilapleasant and

foolscap was

being

unhealthy remains high.

When all my mail is sorted I have to place each street into the order in which I shall deliver it.

I have three full pouches to deliver today. I then wait for to be dropped off at safe loca-

tions by a van driver. 8.15am. On a warm summer day the walk is enjoyable if you don't dislike carrying something like a minumum of 16.5kg on your back at a speed of 4 mph for about three frames or pigeon holes as bours. Some will carry more they would be known to the than twice that, but back inju-

stick to the rules. 11.15am. Finish five hours' and 15 minutes' work at 100 per cent effort without a meal break.

A friendly day with my suburban customers. Royal Mail admits that it has difficulty making the first delivery deadline of 9.30am for the last letter, but denies it intends making full-time postmen be-

come part-time. Unless mail can be moved around the country quickly enough for an even earlier start to sorting, they must take on many more six-month contract part-time posties, presumably working without paid/unpaid meal breaks, working flexibly enough that one day they work three hours, and eight on the next with no warning.

Does the pub is essential and morale to take 2300 million annual profit from such sweated labour which is under constant pressure to deliver more

and more productivity? This represents a vital threat to the century-long mechanical solidarity of the Royal Mail's infantry and senior management are inept not to realise that they must trade a five-day week for any further flexibility in working practices

And without the goodwill of the posties, this service can-not continue to be the best in the world into the 21st can-

Firms snub Greenbury line on top salaries

Roger Cowe

On the first anniversary of the Greenbury report into boardroom pay, share-holder adviser Pirc has his out at companies ignoring the committee's key recommendations on contracts and

The Greenbury report called on boards to end ex-cesses that had resulted in huge payments to directors especially from bonus schemes and compensation for loss of office. Directors leaving the top 250 companies over the past three years have received more than £65 million in compensation.

Companies were required

one year, to modify bonus schemes so that they paid out only on above-average performance, and to make full disclosure of pay and pension

Analysis by Pirc shows that Greenbury has had little impact on the length of directors' contracts, which shortened after the earlier corporate governance report from the Cadbury Committee.

Only 5 per cent of the top 350 companies now have contracts for three years or more, but most of that movement came before Greenbury reported. And only two in five companies have heeded the call to cut contracts to 12 months' duration. The majority now have two-year contracts for directors.

Pirc director Anne Simpson said yesterday: "Companies think they can cock a snook at Greenbury. The danger is that the majority of companies are claiming to be the exception. We need to focus on best practice, not common

In a report out today, Pirc says companies are also ig-Greenbury recomendations spectrum for Orange and long-run rate of return for the reduce its landing charges on long-term incentive plans.

Mercury One-2-One.

Press button D for dearer as cheap mobiles shift to digital

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

THE CHEAPEST and most popular mobile phone networks in Britain are to be phased out by 2005, as leading operators switch customers to more expen-sive digital networks.

The science and technology minister, Ian Taylor, announced yesterday that the country's leading mo-bile phone operators— Cellnet and Vodafone— had agreed to close their original analogue networks within nine years. The move is part of the Government's plan for more effi-cient use of the radio

The companies are fast running out of capacity on their original analogue net-works and need to persuade customers to move to their digital services, which make more efficient use of the available spectrum.

A Cellnet spokesman said that it could accommodate four users of its digital network in the spectrum logue subscriber. Cellnet and Vodafone between them have more than 3.7 million analogue and about 1.2 million digital customers.

Their rivals, Orange and Mercury One-2-One, have adequate capacity because their all-digital networks based on the PCN variant of the GSM standard used by Cellnet and Vodafone - use a different, less crowded part of the spectrum.

However, Mr Taylor announced yesterday that he at the three London airports was making additional to control overcrowding, indi-Ceilnet and Vodafone at the issues were not its responsifrequencies used by PCN bility. networks so that they could develop new services. He is also reserving additional

Happy landings for BAA airports

OUTLOOK/Official ciearance is given for low fees, reports Keith Harper

EATHROW and Gat-wick's claims to be classed among the cheapest airports in the world were underlined resterday when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission offered their owner, BAA, a further regime of bargain landing

Much to the relief of BAA. which has turned Heathrow and Gatwick into lucrative shopping malls and also owns London's third airport, Stan-sted, the MMC refused to be seduced by suggestions that control of the three airports be broken up to encourage

competition.
The Commons select committee on transport is the lat-est body to join in the argument, but the MMC found no "public interest" reason to question BAA's management

In a report to the Civil Aviation Authority, which regulates how much BAA is permitted to charge airlines for landing, the MMC suggested that fees at Heathrow and Gatwick should be allowed to rise by a maximum of three percentage points less than the Retail Prices Index, while prices at Stansted could be raised by one point more than

Demand is believed to be so strong that Heathrow's £4.64 charge per passenger would have to rise above 250 per person to force many users away. The new price cap will result in the charge per passenger at Heathrow reducing to £4.02 by 2000. But the CAA

saw no reason to raise prices radio spectrum available to cating that environmental

made clear that the price formula for the next five years should anticipate the five years after that up to 2007, when BAA hopes to open Terminal 5 at Heathrow.

The CAA noted the MMC's suggestion that charges should be smoothed over a 10year period rather than treat-ing five years in isolation. This suggests that there will be relatively high returns for the airports until 2002, but

much less afterwards. Nevertheless, the BAA is doing very well from its retailing revenue, which was up by 10.5 per cent at £556 million at the end of March, accounting for 44 per cent of its total turnover and making airport shopping the compa-ny's biggest single earner. Passengers spent an aver-age of £4.12 each in airport shops, and income from duty

every international departing BAA's comfortable position may not prevail if there is a change of government. Graham Allen, Labour's transport spokesman, said that a Labour government would not hesitate to act if BAA's objectives did not serve the

free shopping was £5.54 for

national interest. BAA's chief each no Sir John Egan, saw no reason for change. He said that the airports were involved in tough competition with other European hubs.

If duty free allowances wer would allow the airports to raise their charges to the airloss of profit from the withdrawal of the concession. This would amount to an in crease in charges of 15 per cent over two years.

These are good times for the BAA. It is fortunate that two out of its three London airports are lucrative, particularly Heathrow. So it cannot lose against an annual 5 per cent increase in passenger

News in brief

CBI urges open mind on Europe

political party manifestos not to rule out economic and monetary union in Europe during the Par liament after the next election the Confederation of British In dustry said yesterday. Adair Turner, CBI director-general, said options should be kept

open.
The CBI, which is split on the ing year whether to express a view about the UK joining in 1999. Mr Adair was speaking on the eve of publication of the CBI's business manifesto, Pros-pering in the Global Economy, aimed at party policy-makers.

New life in insurance Two of the UK's largest life insurance groups. Sun Life and Prudential, yesterday revealed sharp rises in new business for the first six months of the year. Sun Life said new life premiums had risen by 19 per cent to £144.4 million. Prudential said pensions products showed a 36 per cent rise in sales to £3.3 billion.

Stores poised for boom Stores and multiples such as Marks & Spencer and Woolworths will be the main beneficiaries of rising consumer spending over the next couple years, according to the AA's chief executive, Sir John Egan, saw no Verdict. Department stores have lost out in recent years to dedicated chains.

Drugs merger nea The European Commission is abandoned in 1999, the MMC today expected to clear a merger between Swiss pharmaceutical groups Ciba-Geigy lines to recover an additional and Sandoz. The commission \$55 million, the estimated net will also sanction ventures involving France Telecom. Deutsche Telekom and Sprint. Sandoz and Ciba-Geigy may be required to sell off interests in the crop protection sector to gain EU clearance

Aeropsace shares dive Shares in Hunting Group, the London-based aerospace and engineering business, crashed 34p to 144p after it The CAA agreed with the MMC's recommendation that up as a separate company. it warned shareholders to expect a substantial first-half less following problems with its turboprop operations.

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RSENAL yesterday opened negotiations to sign the Blackburn Rovers midfielder and captain Tim Sherwood after the London club's manager Bruce Rioch indicated he was willing to meet the ask-ing price of 23 million. Although the 27-year-old Sherwood led Blackburn to

the Premiership title 14 months ago he would welcome the opportunity to return to his native south and is expected to travel to Highbury before the weekend to

diry before the weekend to discuss personal terms.

Trevor Francis, who has revamped Birmingham City since replacing Barry Fry as manager, yesterday paid a club-record £1.5 million for the Chelsea striker Paul Furthe Chelsea striker Paul Furlong. The former Watford player, surplus to requirements at Stamford Bridge, has agreed a four-year contract and joins the experienced Steve Bruce, Barry Horne and Gary Ablett.

The chase between Manchester United and Liverpool for the 23.5 million-rated Karel Poborsky looks likely to end in disappointment for

have decided they want the 24-year-old midfielder to stay with them for the European

Slavia are in no hurry to

part with a player with two years left of his contract and are prepared to make any ask-ing price so high that even Old Trafford and Anfield would tremble at the size of

Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, continued his Premiership preparations yesterday by paying an initial £500,000 for the 22-year-old Dundee United midfielder Christian Dailly, who was out of contract at Tannadice. Derby may eventually have to pay twice as much, depending on appearances and whether Dailly, a Scotland Under-21

Dailly, a Scotland Under-21 player, achieves full interna-tional status.

Newcastle United's plans for a new, 60,000-seat stadium look likely to go before a public inquiry after protesters failed to block initial council

karel Poborsky looks many after signing a two-year con-end in disappointment for after signing a two-year con-both clubs. Slavia Prague tract with Portsmouth. He will be out of action for at least six months.

. Stockport have paid £60,000 for the Wolves goalkeeper



It's in his kiss . . . Diego Maradona (right) and Clandio Caniggia are tongue-tied after the latter scored Boca Juniors' second goal in their 4–1 trouncing of River Plate in Buenos Aires. Last month a similar display of affection between the two Argentinians prompted Chile's national coach to complain that their behaviour set a bad example for children

Racing

Bijou d'Inde in line for the **Breeders' Cup**

ARK JOHNSTON had a couple of rare set-backs when fancied runners from his stable were beaten on Monday. However, the Middleham trainer was back on form yesterday with a double at Beverley with Clincher Club and Green

track, Johnston stressed that Bijou d'Inde, winner of the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, is not yet a cer-tain runner for the Juddmonte International at York next month.

Having finished strongly to be beaten a neck by Halling in the Coral-Eclipse over ten fur-longs, it seemed natural to take in the Group One race at York before reverting to a mile for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in

September.
The Queen Elizabeth remains his main British target for the rest of the season, and then he'll go for the Breeders' Cup Mile in Toronto," said Johnston. "The fact that he ran so

well over a mile and a quarter does give him more options, and the Juddmonte is one of them. We will make a deci-sion much nearer the time."

The brothers Double Trigger and Double Eclipse are both recovering from set-backs. Johnston suggested that Double Trigger, beaten by Classic Cliche in the Ascot Gold Cup, is likely to return for the Doncaster Cup at the St Leger meeting, while Double Eclipse will be aimed for the Irish St Leger and the Prix Royal Oak in the

Racing's finances have sumk further into the red according to the annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board put before Parliament yesterday.

With the success of the

National Lottery showing no sign of losing its momentum, the report, which reviews the 1995-96 financial year, calculates the levy yield at £48 million, £7 million less than had been forecast in October 1994. been forecast in October 1994 before the introduction of the

Lottery. Whilst the Board was able to honour its expenditure commitments for 1995, expenditure for 1996-97 was reduced by £5 million and over the two years upwards of £8 million of its cash reserves have been spent to protect horseracing's

Lord Huntingdon has a reputation for expertly placing his less talented horses to win, and he appears to have found a good opportunity for Dummer Golf Time (3.35) in the Timeform Black Book Handicap at Sandown today. At first glance his colt ap-pears to be inconsistent, but

on the overall balance of his form he is well treated, and a close inspection of his perfor-mances suggest that he is weighted to land his second victory.

Arguably, Dummer Golf Time's best run was his first, at Wolverhampton in January when he ran Farmost to half a length, the pair pulling six lengths clear of their rivals. Farmost went on to com-

plete a hat-trick and is now rated 75, whereas my selection runs off 60 this afternoon

He tackles seven furlongs for the first time, and is ideally drawn, 10th of the 11 runners. Sometimes those racing towards the rail on the round course at Sandown find little room to challenge, but if the pace is strong the leaders tend to weaken, or split, leav-

ing a gap.
David Harrison's task will be to produce his mount with closing stages, and if Dummer Golf Time has the run of the

Sport in brief *********************

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Jason Lee has been called into the Great Britain Olym-pic squad to replace the striker Rob Thompson, writes Pat Rouley. The 28-year-old Old Loughtonian, who was one of four players on standby, already has 47 Great Britain and England caps.

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ager John Hurst. "It was ironic as he had just scored a great goal."

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Manchester Giants have signed the 31-year-old Garnet Gayle. The former Sheffield Sharks player was a key

member of the squad that at shortstop in Orioles 8-6 won the Budweiser League victory over Toronto Blue won the Budweiser League and National Cup double in

Baseball

the 26-year-old right-winger Jamie Leach, who last season was with the American League winners Rochester Baltimore Orioles' Cal Ripken took his legendary consecu-tive-games streak to 2,244 but ended another by playing his first game in more than 14 first game in more than 14 Americans. He previously years at a position other than shortstop. He started at third mostly with Pittsburgh Pen-

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Rowell finds no room for Carling

Robert Armstrong

ILL CARLING has been omitted from the England squad for the first time since he made his international debut in 1988, sparking fresh speculation that the former England captain may have played his last game for

Yesterday the Rugby Foot-ball Union was swift to insist that Carling, who has 66 caps, had been left out purely as an interim measure. But the de-cision was interpreted in tative move towards easing him into international

Carling's midfield partner Jeremy Guscott, together with the veterans Rory Underwood and Dean Richards, all members of last sea son's championship-winning son's championship-winning side, have also been left out of the 43-man squad chosen to attend next Wednesday's preseason training session at Bisham Abbey. Four senior Bath and England players, Jon Callard, Victor Ubogu, Graham Dawe and Andy Robinson are out too.

inson, are out too. Carling, who wants to convert from his natural position of centre to stand-off, said last night: "I am keeping my bead down and I will play and see what happens when the first squad into the season is announced. I am not saying anything about how I feel but we will wait and see what

happens.
"All I can do is play as well as I can and become as fit again as I possibly can. I will be concentrating on my club stuff and that is an exciting prospect. What happens in England terms is beyond my

There is little doubt that birth certificates, not just recent form, will be scruti-

land manager Jack Rowell comes to recommend those players who should be given lucrative RFU contracts next

Rowell insisted there was nothing significant in the omissions of the thirtysomethings. He said: "Look at Lin-ford Christie proving that, if you are mentally and physi-cally right, age does not come

mislead anybody, so we have called this an 'interim' squad. It contains voungsters with a leavening of experience. After this season, the Lions tour and our Argentina tour, we want to have a strong idea of a squad that will flow into the 1999 World Cup."

A persuasive case can be made for leaving out players who are well into their thirties, such as Underwood and Dawe, but the omission of the 30-year-old Carling borders

on crass insensitivity.
It will be recalled that he was kept dangling for months over the matter of renewing his captaincy after last year's World Cup. Now he may have to endure a cat-and-mouse game with Rowell over

OLYMPIC GAMES



Ring pull . . . Britain's Lee McDermott takes the strain as he warms up in Atlanta's Georgia Dome

British camp hits back at drug claims

Peter Nichols in Tallahassee

RITISH athletics officials responded angrily in advance of allegations of drug-taking that were to be made last night in a BBC Panorama

Michael Turner, a doctor, claimed that more than three out of four of all athletes who will compete in Atlanta have used performance enhancing drugs in their preparations.
But Tony Ward, spokesman for the British Athletic Federtested team we have going to a major championship in the

history of the sport.
"We have had well over 300 tests on our athletes in the past three or four months, inmajor programme at our trials where the first three at

each event were tested. "By last Friday morning everyone was clear. They are all clean. That is fact, not

Professor Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, said of the Panorama claims: "Tknow of no evidence to sup-port such rubbish. Turner should withdraw his statement and apologise to the athletes whose reputations he has so unnecessarily

The BAF is considering legal action against the News of the World after a weekend article claimed that 90 per cent of British athletes take drugs. Ward called it "bad, scurrilous journalism" and

them to name the athletes they say are on drugs. There is nothing in the article that has been substantiated."

The British Olympic Association tried to defuse

the row over the Panorama programme by pointing to ex-tensive testing that British athletes have undertaken, including, in the run-up to these Games, tests with the new high-resolution mass spec-irometry machine that will be used for the first time in At-lanta by the International

ianta by the International Olympic Committee.

"The BOA is not in a position to comment on the Panorama programme," said Dick Palmer, the British chef de mission, from their Atlanta base. "The BOA has co-operated with the Sports Council in ensuring that a most extensive programme of drug testing has been undertaken in relation to Britain's team for the Olympics. the Olympics.
"It should be noted that

Mike Turner is not a member of the British team in Atlanta. He is medical officer of the Lawn Tennis Association and the British Ski Federation and like all such medical officers, sits on the British Olym-

pic Medical Committee."
While all this was going on
it was announced that Dean Capobianco, an Australian sprinter, had tested positive for drugs and would not compete in the Olympics. The 25-year-old had raced in England as a member of Bedford AC and his girlfriend is the British 400 metres hurdler Jacqui

His sample showed traces of the steroid stanozolol, the drug for which Ben Johnson

Richmond sign deal with Oracle

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eal with Oracle The California-based software company was, coincidentally, founded in the Ornear Richmond's ground. The new sponsorship professionals.

Wigan's Scott Quinnell. Richmond's latest signing is the New Zealander Steve Cottrell, last season's Camange Tree pub, a rugby bridge University captain, players' favourite haunt The solicitor will play as an amateur alongside the new

Tour de France

Bomb threat puts police on full alert

PAIN and France have ordered a top-security alert, deploying record numbers of police to protec the Tour de France as it passes through the Spanish cause of threats to disrupt the race from the Basque separat-

in Spain, in 1992 when the race began in San Sebastian, belonging to Channel 4 devices, believed to have been planted by Eta. The Tour was also hit by separatists in 1974 when they blew up a garage in the Basque region of

Eta sent a warning letter to the Tour organisers last month saying it considered the race a legitimate target. As a result the Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc decided to make Basque an official language of the Tour in addition to French and Spanish.

But on Sunday Eta showed it was not satisfied with this concession by launching a grenade attack on a Spanish civil-guard headquarters along the Tour route. No one was injured but the barracks

On Monday the Basque newspaper Egin, an Éta threat to disrupt the race, and yesterday Spanish police, after receiving an anonymous warning, detonated a bomb that had been placed in a rubbish bin outside a bank in

The Tour travels from Argeles-Gazost in France to start to broadcast in Basque. directs its attacks as much against France as Spain.

Adela Gooch in Madrid and have been taken. Spectators can rest assured," Santiago Lopez Valdivieso, the head of the paramilitary civil guard, which bears the brunt of counter-terrorism in Spain, said yesterday. But Leblanc admitted to being "slightly Launching a serious attack

tainly prove a public-rela-tions disaster for Eta. Cycling is a passion in the Basque country and the five-times Tour winner Miguel Indurain, who comes from Navarre and is part Besque, is a

national hero.

"The stage passing through Pamplona is our gesture of thanks to Indurain, Navarrans and to all Basques for their commitment to the Tour and I do not understand why anyone would want to spoil that," Leblanc said yesterday. Indurain made his feelings

on terrorism clear in a recent interview. He hedged carefully around any comment on the Basque cause and pointed out that he is Navarran not a Basque, and then said: "It is the same as bandits attacking an old lady. Eta are as representative of moral decay in society as any other de-

Despite the police cordon, supporters of Herri Batasuna, Eta's political wing, are ex-pected to demonstrate as the Tour passes and take advantage of international television coverage to publicise their violent campaign for Basque independence which has claimed nearly 800 lives

since it began in 1968. Co-operation between French and Spanish police over Eta terrorism has improved considerably over the past decade. The French Basque country is no longer Pamplona today, returning to the safe haven it once was for France tomorrow. As soon as Eta members and, as its atti- Baseball the cyclists enter Spain, at tude to the Tour demonabout 2.30pm, Radio Tour will strates, the organisation now

Graf out but Drechsler is still hoping

problems with their knees. Staffi Graf has pulled out of their tennis team for the Olympic Games because of a knee injury, and the long jumper Heike Drechsler is still hoping hers will recover in time to allow her to defend ber title in Atlanta.

Graf, the world No. 1 and the 1968 Olympic champion, has damaged left-knee liesments and has been advised by her doctor to take a break of several weeks from the

Drechsler and her manage Michael Mronz appear to be at odds over her participation. Mronz says the Olympic champion is definitely out be cause of her injury, but yesterday the 31-year-old Drechsler said she had given herself until Sunday week to decide whether to compete.

Eritrea, the only United Nations member outside the Olympic movement, has join the Games. But the International Olympic Committee said the east African country. which became the 182nd III independence from Ethiopia. did not fulfil the IOC requirement of having five of its national sports federations

Three members of Uganda's boxing team have been ar rested on suspicion of trying to pass counterfeit \$100 bills. A spokesman for Gainesville police named the three as the boxers Kizza Bakule Charles and Franco Ogentho and their coach Dick Katdende.

Going for gold in the Mind Games Peter Nichols, in Tallahassee, on how a team of psychologists

behaviour of a man uncer- | concerned with the 200

is trying to teach British athletes the science of "killing dreams"

stroyed Peters, Charlie Spedding, who won Olympic bronze in the marathon, used to write his negative qualities on pieces of paper and throw those pieces of paper into the

Tyne, Sebastian Coe admitted you

ATHOMING the mind of an Olympic cham-

has made it almost impossi-

ble. In the first instance.

why does a man, having

dedicated 15 years to win-

ning an Olympic crown, re-

Was Christie teasing the

media or crying for atten-tion, or both? Did he have,

as some sources suggested, the idea of missing Atlanta

and challenging the new

pion is always a tricky iness. Linford Christie

Peter Nichols in Tallahassee

defending it?

Olympics. Their importance is recognised in Tallahassee with the British team's largest-ever complement of psychologists.

Four of them, Lew Hardy, Graham Jones, Sheelagh Rog-ers and Peter Terry, are there got your motivation wherever as support staff for the British you could, and crossing the Olympic Association. Others, line after victory at Los Angesuch as Alma Thomas, are les he turned and screamed at | there for the individual sports. | perfect psychological athlete,

tain of his form who did not

want to lay his reputation on the line? Christie has continued to

bewilder here. At the air-

port the man who has

spurned journalists often

enough was smiling and po-lite. With his crown on the

line in 10 days, we expected

Even more oddly, Chris-

tie is not staying in the

Great Britain team's ac-

commodation at the University of Florida but in a

downtown flat with Fran-kle Fredericks.

The training liaison with

time or another. Don't ask for names; on the psychological landscape everyone treads carefully. Like every sports psycholo-

gist, Thomas's concern is to keep the athlets engaged in the process and to dispense with anything that might interfere in that.

If her goal is to create the

metres and Christie ruled

the 100m. But this summer

idly into the world's No. 1 spot at 100m, has run 9.86

and 9.87sec and is a sear-

ingly hot favourite. And

there are no secrets when you train and live together. If Fredericks is reaching for

the crown, Christie seems to

There remains one out-

side possibility: have Chris-

tle and Fredericks made a

strangely, has still not con-firmed his participation in the 100m. Is the agreement

that he will run only if Christie feels he will not

be holding the ladder.

"We are trying to keep it as simple as possible for the athlete, to crystallise their men-tal preparations into one or two routines. Most of the demons are in your head," ex-Christie continues to confuse

plained Peter Terry.

The dream itself can often be the biggest demon. In 1984, Neil Adams fought the German Frank Wieneke for the Olympic crown. Adams, fighting at 78kg, was the over-whelming favourite, but for just a moment on the mat for-got the task in hand, mentally strayed from the process and was thrown for ippon for the first time in his life.

Michael Johnson is perfect."

In the training camp in the

coming days, to maintain mental equilibrium will be

difficult. With training taper-

ing off, boredom will be an

issue. Time to think can be dangerous, anxieties intrude,

issues become complex.

Jana Novotna, at Wimble-don in 1993: Greg Norman at Augusta this spring. Both found titles escape at the point they seemed won, at the point when the process no longer became their first concerts.

For first-time Olympians, who constitute over half the British team, the psychological support can be the difference between making the Olympic champion to a well-paid match after the months. It made sense when Games? Or was it just the Fredericks was primarily make the decision for him? or not. All the focus must be commenced.

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ounce of energy on that one of energy one of energy one of energy on the energy on the energy on that one of energy one N THE 1952 Olympic mara-thon, Emil Zatopek asked ants were his motivation.

The games of the mind ing fast enough. It de have a history as long as the letters that the women and three-quarters of the men have consulted her at one he was quite as strong. ated." said Terry. "When you reach that level we are talking about the immense motivation that athletes get from pride. People say that Red-grave doesn't know how to

There is another part to the psychologists' job that Terry is less happy to talk about. Going into the Games is not the moment to consider losing. "Winning is the closest you get to killing someone." the rower Peter Haining once said. "His hopes are just as good as yours but you go out and kill his dreams."

Athletes have vast areas of responsibility to those who have made sacrifices to take them to the Games: parents, coaches, clubs, even commu-nities. When the Olympic experience does turn sour it can be devastating.

Consolation is the complex exercise. "Hard Luck" is not what Faldo said to Norman at Augusta. Often, as with Novotna, it is not words but a physical empathy which works best.

Terry, whose job is to allow the athletes to do their best, has set similar standards for himself: "I see that I have a target too. I have to be a better sports psychologist than any other sports psychologist for any other nation." So be it. The Mind Games have

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it was not there.

Smith forges ahead on the Knight shift

WARWICKSHIRE moved within four points of the top of the Sunday League after defeating the B&H Cup winners Lancashire by 13 runs at Edgbaston yesterday.
A fine 76 from Nell Smith, who shared an open-

ing stand of 66 with the fitagain Nick Knight (32), laid the foundations of their total of 212 for six. A fluent 52 from John Crawley kept Lancashire in the hunt, although they were always behind the clock despite a half-century seventh-wicket stand be-

tween Ian Austin and Warren Hegg. Northamptonshire, the B&H Cup runners up. also lost — off the last ball to Yorkshire. With the scores evel the visitors' Richard Blakey swung Paul Taylor to the midwicket boundary to clinch the match.

The home side compiled 236 for four thanks to 2 Second-wicket stand of 106 Second Second-wicket stand of 106 Second Se

feated 92, and Richard Montgomerie (69). The game looked to be quick wickets but Martyn Moxon (72) and Anthony McGrath (69) mounted a recovery, adding 111.

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GOLF: THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Four strong that shaped Lytham lore OBBY JONES, the amateur to he Open. The Open.

OBBY JONES, the only amateur to have won the Open, did so three times—im 1926 at Royal Lytham St Annes, at St Andrews the following year and in 1930 at Hoylake. And few golf shots are as famous as the one he played on the 17th at Lytham 70 years ago.

This year's club captain Dr Steven Reid was on the course early yesterday for a BBC reconstruction (pic-

BBC reconstruction (pictured), with the assistant professional Kevin Cox playing the part of Jones.

Back in 1926 the Open was being contested by Jones, then 25, and his fel-low American Al Watrons when, at the 17th, Jones

ler at the 11th in 1979 and David J Russell's drive at the 1st in 1988 when the ball hit the pin and stopped dead. And Tony Jacklin, driving for the title at the last in 1989, clearing the hazards and stopping 150 transferent the second yards from the green.
"Oh my," muttered the
BBC's Henry Longhurst,

"what a corker." Commentary: David Davies Photograph: Tom Jenkins





David J Russell set up his best Open finish from the 1st tee

WHEN David J Russell got to Royal Lytham St Annes on the Saturday morning to play in the third round of the 1988 Open, he was dreading the

day's proceedings.

It was not that he was playing badly; far from it, for he had opened with rounds of 71 and 74 to make the cut by four shots. And as a veteran then of 14 years on the European Tour he had experienced most of what golfing life

his partner. For the first Late in the round Russell time Russell, then the winner of a solitary event on the Tour, had been drawn to major championships, none other than Jack Nicklaus.

"Two never been so nex-vous," he says. "I thought I might have an air shot on the 1st tee." But he was not to have it that day, for rain bucketed down and play was impossible. The Open was to finish on the Monday. "All that meant, as far as

I was concerned," says Rus-sell, "is that I had two days to penic rather than one. On the Sunday, when he came to tee up at Lytham's 206-yard 1st hole, he was not sure his legs would per-form the required function and get him down to the ball and back up again. But ball and back up again. But instinct took over and he hit his shot right out of the middle of the club.

day, they heard a great roar from the crowds in the stand by the 1st green.



flag, bounced a couple of times, struck the pin and stopped inches away, absostopped inches away, abeo-lutely dead. "No one," says Russell, "was ever more relieved." As they walked to the green Nicklaus sport-ingly dropped back to allow Russell the full applause of the crowd, and the English-man was off and running. To great effect as it

To great effect as it turned out, and he left Nicklaus standing. He went Nickiaus standing, ne wanto the turn in a six-under-par 29, and came back, into the wind, in what he de-serines as "a level-par 40". to rib his pariner. "There was still a great puddle on the 16th fairway after Saturday's rain," he says, "and we walked either side of it. I said to Jack, 'I thought you could walk over the top of those', and he said, I used to be able to,

but not any more'." Russell's 69 was six shots better than his partner's, it hurtled him up the leader-board, and a 70 in the final round gave him a share of 11th place, his best to date. It was all due to the confidence engendered by that tee shot, although when he thinks of it now he knows it

could have been better.

For, as he and Nicklans stood on the 2nd tee that



Peter McEvoy hit a nine to the 11th and fell away

THE shot failed by only a foot. Had it succeeded, Peter McEvoy could conceivably have achieved what is nowadays regarded as an impossibility: winning the Open Championship as an amateur. The year was 1979 and the course Royal Lytham St

Annes; it was the final round and the shot was played at the long 11th. McEvoy had been Amateur champion in 1977 and 1978, had won the prestigious Lytham Trophy in 1979 and was a player in his pomp: certainly one of the best sional, in the United

He had opened with rounds of 71, 74 and 72, good golf con-sidering the strong northwest winds that blew for most of the week. They made Lytham a course of two distinctly different halves, with the front nine downwind and the back nine fearsomely difficult into what occasionally freshened into a gale.

By the time he got to the 11th McEvoy was in conten-tion. Despite lipping out with a birdie chip at the 10th he was only four over, and with the leaders at level par there were grounds for hope. "The leaders were all behind me and on that day the 8th green was almost unholdable and a was amost unlocable and a probable bogey," he says.
"Every hole on the back nine was a possible bogey and I'd played one of them.

"What I really needed to do was birdie the 11th, to be three off the actual lead and



maybe only two off the probable lead."

He hit two good shots into the wind and still had a nine-iron into the green. The prob-lem was that the pin was tucked away at the far end of the putting surface, on a thin peninsula of green fronted by bunkers and backed by gorse bushes. It was an extremely narrow target and the temptation was to take the soft op-tion and go for the front of the green and take a safe par five. Realising that if anything was to happen he had to make fron straight at the flag. "I

really thought it was going into the hole," says the man who now captains England amateurs and is a golf-course architect. But the shot fell a few tantalising inches short and the birdie that had seemed probable when the ball was in the air became a bogey. He went to five over, lost his place on the leader-boards and, he admits, "be-came a little disoriented from

then on". Shots continued to slip away; at the 14th his two-fron second plugged in the green-side bunker and "that cost me two shots and seven places". He finished in a tie for 17th place with Lee Trevino, 11 shots behind the winner Severiano Ballesteros. The brief dream had de-

parted and still no amateur has won the Open since Bobby Jones claimed his



Bobby Jones won the 1926 Open from a 17th wasteland

THEY were less demon-strative days in 1926; either that or the Guardian's man-on-the-spot was not actually on the spot at the time. Whatever the reason, the paper's descrip-tion of one of the most famous golf shots raises the pulse about as much as an invitation to a church fete.

The 1926 Open was being contested by Bobby Jones and Al Watrous, and the two Americans had reached the 17th, a wonderful per four that dog-legs to the left and sand inside the angle.
Jones dragged his tee shot into the waste area; Watrous found the fairway and then the green. He seemed certain of his par

whereas Jones was certain Jones's ball, according to contemporary accounts, was on sand and not lying well. And from where he was, a high grassy ridge and some bushes made it a blind shot.

Normally a quick and decisive player, Jones "thought a long time before he played", our correspon-dent noted. What his ideas were, the Guardian reader was left to guess.
"The decisive stroke of the game," wrote the corre-

spondent bylined A.L.L., came at the 17th, where Jones drove into sand about 180 yards from the green ... and then sent the ball four yards from the



pin." The fact that this wonderful shot so staggered Watrons that he three-putted is not recorded, nor its immense degree of difficulty. Readers of the Times did a little better, though, for Bernard Darwin told them that Jones nipped the ball off the sandy surface perfectly when "a tea-spoonful more would have meant irretrievable ruin"

Years later Jones, who would have made a wonderful golf writer, said of the precisely encouraging. I had to hit a shot with about 175 yards of carry, hit it on a good line and stop the ball very promptly when it reached the green — if it reached the green.

"This off dry sand, although the ball lackily lay

clean, was a stiff assignment. You know, an eighth of an inch too deep with your blade and the shot expires in front of your eyes. And if your blade is a thought too high ... I will dismiss this harrowing reflection. Anyway, I played the shot and it came off . . ."

The 25-year-old Jones went on to win his first Open, and a plaque has been erected on what is thought to be that spot. It says even less than the Guardian did. Half buried by plants, it simply reads:
"R.T. Jones Jnr. The Open
Championship. 25th June
1926."



Tony Jacklin's drive at the 18th ushered in a new era

T IS difficult now to remem-ber what it was like back in 1969, when no Briton had won the Open for 18 years. But the atmosphere on the final day, as Tony Jacklin made his way to the 18th tee, was nakedly jingoistic: Jacko had to win and be damned any New Zea-lander — Bob Charles was challenging — who might get in the way.

In the way.

In the press tent, in the stands overlooking the 18th green, among the crowds lining the fairway and in the corker! Miles down the commentary positions, there tions, as if to speak out loud might somehow intrude.

ing, "should Jacklin do now?" With a two-stroke lead, "should Jacklin do should be play safe and hit should be play safe and hit should be clusters of bunkers that have destroyed more medal cards than any Lytham member cares soberly to recollect? Should be perhaps hit a shot miles left, avoiding all the sand — there are seven bunkers awaiting the mis-hit drive — and also avoiding the bushes down the right. Or should be trust his swing and go for one long and straight and true? comes in the words of the Guardian's Pat Ward-Thomas, who wrote: "His greatest weakness has been to swing too fast, but in the last hours of

his ordeal his swing had a rere

strength and consequence." Clearly Jacklin knew how



Hole 18

well he was playing, for he reached for the driver. A couple of practice afforts and he swung at the ball; moments later those near the club-house gasped in relief and then triumph. The ball cleared all the hazards, ran rapidly down the fairway and ame to rest some 150 yards from the green. The collective pride in that

the rest. "He dismissed the peril in masterful fashion with a flawless long drive . . hit a beautifully controlled seven-iron shot . . . and a few for the Open from the range of

one inch If you should think the opening sentences of these paragraphs overstated it, consider what Ward-Thomas wrote next. The sun came forth for the first time in the day, as if to herald the dawn of a shining new world for British golf, and the great mass of the people rose and gave him the thunder of their

and I was one of them. Jacklin was presented with the trophy and then a bottle of champagne. As he held it up, a man stepped forward and turned the label to the massed beauty of rhythm and poise. It was a movement proud in its photographers. Mark McCormack was making sure it was a shining new business world

Faldo's bunker mentality gets him back in swing

David Davies at Royal Lytham

HIS week Nick Faldo returns happily to the place which, 21 years was as near as dammit the start of my career". The current US Masters cham-pion, the winner of six major championships, won his first national title over the links of St Annes when he became the English Amateur champion and demonstrated fully for the first time that a truly ex-

citing talent had arrived. He was not long for the amateur ranks after that, turn-ing professional in 1976 and winning the first of his 29 European Tour events two

But the rather spindly youth with the untamed haircut and uncontrolled leg action was, although gifted, a very different animal in those days. He could heat most of the best most of the time, but he did not feel that he could best all of them at any one time; in other words, a major championship So he took himself off to David Leadbetter — who walked all 18 holes yesterday

rubble before being reconstructed on more reliable. For the first few days of lines.

They first met in the mide and holding greens of melas acquired all his championships while Leadbetter has that "said falso," we will necessary acquired along with many need to score well to be an millions of collars, a client contention. You might need

watching his prize pupil.

mack would envy.

They have been working together again pre-champion-ship. After missing the cut in the Western Open in the United States, Faldo flew over to Britain and took himself off to Royal St George's "to get myself in links mode". There he and Leadbetter concer trated on aspects of the downswing.

"We worked well," Faldo said yesterday. "Everything seems to be coming together. I'm going to need some straight hitting this week because Lytham is an accuracy links, with lots of po bunkers. What's more they are the right length for the drive and they guard the

greens very closely ino."

There are only 185 bunkers at Lytham but it seems like more because they are often grouped together, giving the impression that there is no where to go but sand. And that is often the case if the ball is driven inaccurately. Faldo stressed that a good Faldo stressed that a good score at Lytham requires a good start, if the prevailing wind is blowing; that is at the players' backs for much of the first nine holes, enabling some driving bunkers to be carried and others taken out and the swing was reduced to of play because only short rubble before being reconstitutes are needed to by them.

list that even Mark McCor | something like 14 under to win." Of course if it blows from the north-west, as it should because that is the prevailing wind, then scores

Brian Barnes has not played an Open since 1990 but is here this week as the British returns to Royal Portrush next week to defend his title de-pends on whether the current troubles have subsided suff-ciently for him to feel

"A few years ago," he said yesterday, "I received a death threat from the IRA if I played in the Irish Open. I went and nothing happened, but I feel now that that was foolhardy rather than brave. and if a withdrawal gets me fined, then rather that than a bullet. There's more to life than hitting a ball round a

And more, also, than drinking six large brandies before breakfast. Barnes is a recovering alcoholic who has not had a drink for three years and is playing the US Senior Tour and on Sunday won \$108,000 (£70,000), the largest cheque of his career, for fin-ishing third in an event. "With any luck," said

Barnes, who has already won \$408,000 with the Seniors this season, "Til be one of those guys who makes more in one year than in the last 30 years. "My goal is \$1 million this season and I've got another 12



in our naments to get up there. I may not achieve it but it's a lovely goal to have. I lovely goal to have the lovely goal to have. I lovely goal to have the lovely goal to have

Doctor in charge happy to be left speechless

Mike Selvey at Lytham finds club captain starts it becomes a social round. Twe got to host lumches Steven Reid practising for the social round

HERE will be something | worth the risk in any case." essentially quaint about the presentation to the Open champion on Sunday eventue. No grand march up a statrcase, no waving balcony scenes, no Queen, no Duchess of Kent. Instead, when he has holed his final pust, taken the plaudits of 10,000 people packed into the stands around the 18th and signed his card in the acorers' caravan, he will find a few tables and chairs set out behind the last green, and there the captain of Royal Lytham and St Armes will

Thand over the Claret Jug.
There will be no speeches from the captain either. Ballesteros's Open in 1988 here was the last time a captain's oratory has been let loose on the public. This is because, so it is said, a previous captain at another course produced a discourse that made the Oscar acceptance speeches of Tom Hanks seem a model of

restraint.
There are those who think this a thame, but this year's Lytham club captain Dr Steven Reid is not among them. As an Irishmen, albeit one whose soft Sigo accent is more a hint than the full stiver-tongued monty, he would have made a decent fist of it, they say. But it is out of his hands and he is not bothered.

worth the risk in any case."

Becoming captain in an Open year is hitting the jackpot. "I was supposed to be chief marshal this year, and spent six months, including time at 5t Andrews last year, bedding into the job. Then they rang me on Christmas Eve to tell me the past captains had voted me in and it all went out of the window." all went out of the window."

There have been some great spin-offs, however, including a trip to Merion in the United States for its centenary. "Wonderful," he says. "I'd never been to the States, so there was a ball game at Yan-kee Stadium, and Central Park And a game at Pine Val-ley that Peter Dobereiner had organised. That was a day out in paradise."
Yesterday he was at his course early for the BBC's

reconstruction of the famous Bobby Jones mashie shot. 'It seemed like a good idea. We didn't take the sctual club from the clubhouse, though; bit risky." Instead they used one of his own hickoryshafted irons. Then there was more filming in the clubhouse, some newspaper interviews and a couple of hours acting as starter for practice rounds. And then there would be an interview for a Japa-nese television company. "Don't smile, I've been told;

on Thursday, Friday and Sun-day for VIPs, dignitaries, past captains, those from local clubs, friends and relations. Saturday there are other things to do." He will not say what but it looks like Prince Andrew's annual Open beano. If the Prince wants to talk golf he has come to the right man, for Reid is as close to a golf nut as is possible. His father, a general practitioner, came to England during the early years of the war and although Reid was brought up in Lytham, and is now in gen-eral practice himself in the town, the family returned every August to Ireland and the County Sligo course, known as Rosses Point, where he is a life member.

Five years ago he published

history of that club, Get To The Point, which, for some-one whose previous literary masterpieces included works on recalcitrant warts and spontaneous rupture of the oesophagus, was a new ave-nue. It is a whimsleal book which began as a brief hole-by-hole guide and, he says, "growed and growed like Topy". It is full of acute ob-servation ("strike the ground servation ("strike the ground where a tee shot should pitch on the 13th and you will hear the same hollow sound you elicit from the 2nd and 3rd fairways at Newcastle, Co Down'). On the 9th, he writes, "a visitor asked his host, What chib do I need "There's only two ways, it "Don't smile, I've been told; host. What club do I need could go "he reckons." It I'm not sure if it's a wind-up best tip is to take the same bomb. It wouldn't really be "When the championship club as you'll take at the 13th." here? Came the enswer. The best tip is to take the same

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Bjame Riis ruins the Spaniard's birthday to retain the Tour de France yellow jersey after a punishing climb in blistering heat

Broken Indurain admits defeat

was 32 yester-day, but it was not a birthday he will want to remember. The first part of the celebrations were the same as they have been since 1991: a vast birthday cake presented to the five-times Tour winner in the start village amid a vast scrum of press

Indurain's day got. In the afternoon, in front of a huge throng of Basque fans perched like gannets on a cliff on the steep roads leading to the Hautacam ski station, what remained of his chances of a record sixth Tour win were destroyed by a rampant Bjarne Riis. The Dane's second stage win of the race gives him a comfortable lead

Hautacam consists of one small building on a bleak green hillside and has provided brutal and heroic spec-tacle on both occasions that the Tour has finished here. In the plains of Aquitaine. The | not been seen since early | he thanked the Fignon publi- | pedals hardly turned, the

peloton hits the one-in-12 slopes at some 30 miles per hour, then slows and shatters like a wave breaking on a rock. Then it is every man to his own painful rhythm uphill for eight leg-shattering miles. There is no respite.
Indurain has been both vic-

tor and vanquished here. In 1994, his incredible accelera-tion through thick mist effectively won him the Tour and destroyed Tony Rominger.
This year, in baking sun, the
Swise was again allotted a bit
part. When he slipped off the
back of the small lead group which formed after the first grinding impact with the gra-dient, it was Indurain who

upped the pace.
For a few seconds, history repeated itself Indurain accelerated and Rominger grovelled. Then, as his team-mate Jan Ullrich maintained the pace, Rlis glided back down the group. It looked like weak-ness, but he was merely sizing up the opposition. "I wanted to see how they all were, and they all seemed to be flat out. I said: It's now or never, you

must win the Tour now."

Two searing attacks followed: "The first time I didn't go 100 per cent. I just wanted to put the others in trouble. Then I went flat out" It was a gesture of supreme confi-



Uphill struggle . . . Miguel Indurain grits his teeth as Bjarne Riis sets a punishing pace

1980s, when Bernard Hinault | cally for the advice he has and Laurent Fignon could af-ford the luxury of toying with

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received. While Riis forged ahead, In-

handlebars, the grimace be-came desperate. Just to rub it in, Rominger found his second the opposition in this way. In-truigingly, Riis was Fignon's ful halt as the effort he had chief domestique at the end of made in trying to stay with the Frenchman's career, and the Dane made itself felt. The

In the next four nainful slow-motion miles, Indurain lost almost 214 minutes - and had he not come round nowards the end, and Riis felt the strain of his all-out effort it would have been far more. As he entered the final kilometre through a forest of red. white and green Basque flags, he threw an apologetic look at the fans who had come across

the border to cheer him on.
"I tried to follow Riis three
times, the fourth time I blew up, and after that I couldn't follow anyone," he said. "The gap hetween us is now unbridgeable. It was a day which had to come - and don't talk to me about next year. Inducain was not the only

oser. Evgeny Berzin feared Bomb feer, page 14

this climb for its intensity, and with good reason: He slipped from third to seventh. Rominger may have climbed to third, but both he and team mate Abraham Olano, who most three minutes helvind Riis. The turnsround in Indurain's status was summed up when Rils commented that he would be happy if Big Mlg could win today's stage "because it goes to his house. But it won't be easy".

With their champion in a lowly 10th place, the Navarran fans may be a little muted as the Tour passes through his homeland today, at the end of a stage which the riders who are fighting for survival fear far more than yesterday's.

• Today's stage: Lourdes to Pampiona, 162 miles.

William Fotheringham is

Money talks in the state of disunion



Vincent Hanna

T.D FART Radio bas been blaring all week. The word from Twickers is they'll talk to the other countries, compromise is possible, and it's not just about money you know. They are decent chaps at the RFU—and I don't be-lieve a word they say. The Scots say they'll play a

four-nations tournament without England on contract with the BBC, and it's not just about money, laddie. You couldn't meet a nicer bunch of blokes — and they're talking out of their sporrans.

Will Carling says, if England can't play in the Five Nations, rugby will be destroyed, and t's not just about money. Pull the other one, Will. BSkyB says that it wishes to

belp rugby union, save the Five Nations Championship, and it's not just about money. Bollocks.
I feel I've been watching tur-

keya queue up for a Bernard Matthews Christmas Break. The only good thing is that some have spotted that the RFU booked the holiday. Sport is a metaphor for

life, 'said George Millar, a US People play asketball like they legislate. You can give that a slightly different spin. Sports adminis trators tend to reflect the political character of their own

British sport is run by a rum crew. A combination of left-over blazers from better days, rich traders craving the club gives them, placemen on quangos, and some men and women who struggle to connect their sports to reality.

And the reality is money. If you doubt this, take a peek at the diamond-studded world of the International Olympic Committee, In Atlanta the world's most distinguished freeloaders will pa-Actually I was glad to see that Jean-Claude Killy joined the IOC in 1995. But the thrill was brief; he is director of Coca-Cola France, to which, along with NBC, the Olympic move ment has sold its soul.

Corruption and graft are endemic, as Andrew Jennings explains in his excellent new book." In 1991 the IOC met in

for the 1998 Winter Olympics. Ostersund of Sweden went home empty-handed. But as one of its officials said: "We give each IOC member a gift on our personal visits, a gift when they visit our city, a gift when they visit our city, a gift when they visit our hospitality suits, and a gift every day in the botel."

Television pays the money and calls the shots. NBC, which paid £700 million for the next two Games, is con-tracted to pay £1.5 billion for the summer Games of 2004 and 2008 and the winter Games of 2006, for which host cities have not yet been chosen. It will revamp the Games to suit

Bear that in mind and let's get back to rugby. Sky offered £166 million

over five years to the Home Unions, with England to get £87.5 million, Wales £40 million, Scotland £20 million, and Ireland £18 million (mind you. this is great money for the 75 or so Irish rugby players). The other four countries sa the money belongs to them all in principle (whatever that means), and if necessary they'll

play on without England. The idea is daft. They would get a pittance for the TV rights, with tive English team.
If the fight were for the integ-

rity of rugby I could applaud their stand. But they are fight-ing over money and, as Robert Armstrong argued yesterday, money makes the rules. If there is no compromise ecognising that rugby cannot exist on gate money, Rupert Murdoch will simply revamp the game and play an annual

mini-World Cup with England

the southern bemisphere

countries, and (in the crunch) I suspect with France too. UT Rupert has ioneer game, which he keeps to himself but about

He will bring rugby union closer to his other big investment in rugby league. This would produce: a super league involving both union and league clubs in a new hybrid game: and an annual interna tional competition played summer and winter at two levels, a "premier" tourna-ment for eight national side: and a "Nationwide League" for the rest.

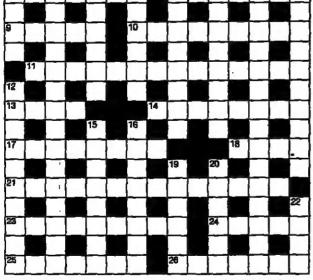
I bet you think this is all fantasy. And you could be

And the spirit of Baron de Coubertin might reign at Atlanta.

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6 A note on race relationship 7 Cox at me? (6,3,6) 8 21's poet's 12 of quarrel?

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15 River with colour, a striking display, getting into zinc? (3,5)

16 Dress in feathers to induce final consent? (4,4) 19 Literary character sounds

more correct (6) 20 Rusting bodywork? Incentive needed (6) 22 Publicity for the listener's

cutter (4)



British swimmers suffer long delay

David Hopps and John

BRITAIN's swimmers suffered the full brunt of Olympic disorder in a fraught and exhausting journey here from their training cump in Tallahas-see. A four-hour flight delay after a nail was discov ered in one of the plane's tyres was followed by four hours of misery in a chaotic ccreditation procedure at

the airport.
In addition Sarah Hardcastle, a medallist in Los Angeles 12 years ago, had

"The important thing is not to get stressed out," she said. "If you fail to handle the frustrations of a day like this it can ruin months of preparation. Your chances of winning an Olympic medal can be lost before you've cleared the airport.

some of her luggage go themselves in control. I just a Florida reached 105F. The astray as Olympic organishave to sit here with Terry to landing delays at the sudden influx of comming coach] and try to landing delays at the petitors and officials.

"The younger swimmers

are probably less likely to suffer because the experience is so novel and exciting for them. But older imagine I'm lazing around with my husband down at the job centre."

Atlanta's experimental policy of giving competi-tors no fast-track accreditation left the swimmers bemused. Some sat on the floor playing cards, others lay on hand luggage and tried to doze.

Earlier in Tallahassee, as a new tyre was being flown in from Atlanta, they had whiled away the time in the

landing delays at the States' second-busiest

airport.
Considering the frustration, Atlanta's relative cool
it was in the high 70s was some comfort. As the swimmers left by coach for the Olympic village, one roadside exhortation roadside exhortation seemed to sum up their day, "Smile. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a full tank of gas." Already many people are wondering how many miles they can do to the gallon.

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